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CBRC News

Summer 2014

CBRC: New plan, new energy



CBRC-sponsored Canadian and Global Networks Session part of Engaged Practice Day at CUVic on May 20 2014. L to R: Joanna Ochocka, Sylvie deGrosbois- CBRC; Sophie Duncan- NCCPE-UK; Martha Farrell- PRIA-India; Ann Lyons- Campus Engage/CKI-Ireland; Robin Hood-VIU; Martin Taylor-CBRC

Traditionally, summer is thought of as the “field season” for academic research. Yet we know that community-based research is sometimes on a bit of a hiatus over the summer because of everyone’s desire for warm weather downtime. At CBRC, the beat goes on all year, especially in this exciting year of re-building our membership and organization. Since our last newsletter, we have been working on the CBRC strategic plan facilitated by our special advisor Martin Taylor, that will guide our work over the next four years. We are inviting member comments to the draft. We also held a very well attended CBRC membership meeting and hosted workshops for CBR and CUE (community-university engagement) community-campus practitioners

and emerging scholars at the CUVIC (www.uvic.ca/cuvic2014) conference organized by the University of Victoria in May. We are also planning for a National Summit on Excellence in Community Based Research, to be held in November. Finally, we continue to welcome new members to the CBRC network. Thank you to the many individuals and to the groups and universities below for joining us and helping to build this exciting movement and organization. Please read on and visit our website to learn more about these initiatives and how you can engage.

— Katherine Graham, Chair,
Community Based Research Canada

CBRC Strategic Plan 2014–2018

A draft version of the CBRC Strategic Plan is available on the website—Comments welcome! (www.communityresearchcanada.ca)

CBRC Vision: A vibrant society in Canada enabled by community based research that addresses major societal challenges

CBRC Mission: To be a national champion and facilitator for collaborative community based research and community-campus engagement in Canada

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CBRC: What we do

Community Based Research Canada (CBRC) is a network that builds capacity for academia and the wider community to use research as a tool to mobilize community, participation and action.

CBRC Goals

- Advance Research, Policy and Advocacy Engagement
- Catalyze a National Movement and Capacity Building
- Support Communications and Networks

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Sharing Our Visions – Community Based Research for Canada

What is your vision for CBRC and the Canadian community-university engagement and research movement? What are we doing well and what do we need to do better to make a greater societal impact? Sharing Our Visions is a regular feature of the CBRC Newsletter where we get to know our members better! Share your own visions on our website — Send to info@communityresearchcanada.ca



Jim Randall

Fifteen years ago I got out of my university office and discovered community-based research. It transformed how I approached research and academic administration. At the beginning of that period, many university leaders ‘talked the talk’ about the role of their universities in their communities and regions yet precious few delivered on that rhetoric. In the intervening period some Canadian universities have made tremendous strides in acknowledging the place of community-based research in faculty assessment and institutional mandate. My vision for CBR is that all universities learn to ‘walk the walk’. Thanks to community and university colleagues in Saskatoon/USask, Prince George/UNBC and Charlottetown/UPEI for creating such rewarding experiences.

— Jim Randall, Coordinator, Master of Arts Island Studies program, University of Prince Edward Island

Robin June Hood

Vancouver Island University is passionate about providing students with applied research opportunities during their undergraduate years and unleashing their creativity, innovative thinking and energy for community well-being. We look forward to working with our CBRC colleagues across Canada in creating more options for students, community partners and faculty as we build this powerful network of change that enlivens the academy and tackles the pressing issues of our time.

— Robin Hood, Director, Community Based Research Institute, Vancouver Island University



Sarena Seifer

Since our inception in 1997, CCPH has advanced a community-based participatory research paradigm in which community members and researchers collaborate to conduct research that builds capacity, leads to knowledge that directly benefits communities and influences policies that affect health. Implementing this participatory approach, however, is not easy to do. By mobilizing knowledge, providing training and technical assistance, conducting research, building coalitions and advocating for supportive policies, CCPH is helping to ensure that the reality of community engagement and partnership matches – indeed exceeds – the rhetoric. To fully realize our vision, greater investments are needed in community research capacity and infrastructure, community-owned and managed research, and knowledge mobilization for social change. These form the core of our policy agenda moving forward.

— Sarena D. Seifer, Executive Director, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
(Note: Sarena is stepping down as ED of CCPH this Fall 2014. As a founding member of CBRC and global leader in this field we congratulate her on a wonderful job.)

New Canadian CBR publications!

The June 2014 issue of *Academic Matters: The Journal of Higher Education*, published by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, is devoted to the topic of Rethinking Town and Gown.

Articles include *Beyond all in the family: Community-based research in Canada* by CBRC Chair Katherine A. H. Graham, who explores: Community-based research has been building momentum in Canada. Can this forward progress be sustained? Access the full issue at www.academicmatters.ca/print-issues/rethinking-town-and-gown

The University of Saskatchewan has founded the first Canadian peer-reviewed scholarly Journal on community-university engagement and scholarship. The Journal's Advisory Committee and Editorial Team are announcing the call for papers for the inaugural issue of the Journal on the topic, Building Engaged Scholarship in Canada: www.usask.ca/engagedscholar/news/2014/call-for-papers-for-engaged-scholar-journals-inaugural-issue-.php.



News & Events

Global & Canadian News

CU Expo 2015: May 25–29 in Ottawa

Mark your calendars and plan ahead for the next Community-University Partnerships Expo (CU Expo)! CU Expo, core-supported by CBRC, is a bi-annual, Canadian-led conference designed to showcase exemplars in community-campus partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening local communities. The next conference, CU Expo 2015, will take place in Ottawa from May 25 through 29, 2015. CU Expo 2015 will be co-hosted by Carleton University and community partners and held in Ottawa, Ontario at Carleton University.

CUVic: May 20–22, 2014



CUVIC 2014 at the University of Victoria held on May 20-22nd, 2014 at the University of Victoria welcomed key local, national and global researchers, practitioners and networks from around the world. The closing video is available at vimeo.com/96133566 A strong focus of CUVIC 2014 was recognizing the power of place-based indigenous knowledges and growing the reach and impact of the community-university engagement movement worldwide. A special Engaged Practice Day on May 20th sponsored by CBRCanada featured a CBRC and Global Networks meeting and the Canadian launch of the new Engaged Practice Learning Exchange (co-hosted with the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement in the UK (see engagedpractice.wordpress.com to join), as well as a day-long Arts of Engagement workshop focused on emerging scholars (artsofengagement.wordpress.com).

Campus Community Partnerships for Health: April 10–12, 2014



Over 500 community, academic, government and philanthropic partners gathered in Chicago April 30-May 3 for skill-building, networking and agenda-setting around the theme "From Rhetoric to Reality: Achieving Authentic, Equitable and Transformative Partnerships." If you attended and haven't had a chance to share your feedback, please complete the View selected presentations and posters online! ccph.info

UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

The UNESCO Chair team led by Rajesh Tandon (PRIA) and Budd Hall (UVic), met at CUVIC 2014 with global partners and focused on preliminary analysis of the global internet based survey on 'structures for facilitating community-university research partnerships', planning for a new project with a focus on the training of the 'Next Generation' of CBRers, and plans for continuing the roll-out of the World Report on Higher Education. There are plans for meetings in Buenos Aires, Barcelona, Bali, Kampala and Cape Town where UNESCO Chair team members will be present. The Chair also obtained a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant entitled 'Training the Next Generation of Community Based Researchers: A Global Partnership'. To keep up with UNESCO chair information, check out at www.unescochair-cbrs.org

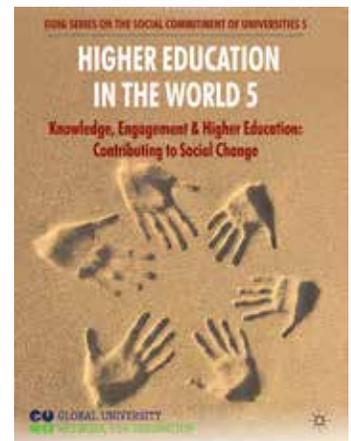
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GUNI's new book, Higher Education in the World 5, is now available. Order it through www.guninetwork.org

CBRC Organizational News

Activity update from Martin Taylor, CBRC Special Advisor

CBRC's activities and plans were prominent at the recent CUVic May 2014 meeting in at the University of Victoria. The lunch-time meeting for CBRC members focused on the development of CBRC's Strategic Plan while two afternoon workshop sessions that followed on national and global CBR networks included an overview of the 'Hubs of Excellence' initiative recently submitted as a Connections Grant application to SSHRC and a discussion of CBRC's international partnerships especially with our UK colleagues at the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE), based in Bristol. The Executive Committee has endorsed a proposal to proceed with incorporating CBRC as a federal non-profit organization. This is an important step in CBRC's evolution and among other advantages will allow CBRC to receive funds as a registered charity.



Indigenous Voices from Canada at LKN



As part of CBRC and UVic/Community Delegation John Elliott and Kevin Paul - WSANEC (Tsartlip) Nation members presented at the Living Knowledge Network (LKN) Conference in Copenhagen April 9-11th, 2014. See livingknowledgenetwork.org for a full report. CBRC works closely in partnership with the LKN.

CBRC 2014–2015 Member Groups/Departments/ Universities

- Arctic Institute for Community Based Research
- Carleton University
- Centre for Community Based Research
- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health
- Concordia University
- Institute for Community Engaged Scholarship (Guelph)
- McMaster University
- Pincher Creek Womens Emergency Shelter
- St Francis Xavier University
- St Mary's University, Halifax
- Trent Centre for Community-Based Education
- University of Guelph
- Universite du Quebec a Montreal
- Universite du Quebec en Outaouis
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Victoria
- University of Windsor
- Vancouver Island University
- Vancouver Foundation

Join us!

Community Based Research Canada invites you to join the growing national movement for community-based research and campus-community engagement. Learn more and join us by going online to communityresearchcanada.ca.

Annual Fee:

Individual	\$100
Student	\$50
Newsletter Membership	free
Academic Institution	\$2500
Department within an Academic Institution	\$500
Community Org/ Business – Less than 10 staff	\$50
Community Org/ Business – More than 10 staff	\$100

Network/Listsers members will be invited to CBRC events and kept informed of all CBRC and related news through email and other communication media. Network members are non-voting. Network/listserv membership is free. Supporters: Institutions, organizations, foundations as well as individual members are welcome to provide additional financial contributions to CBRC and to CUExpo Secretarial seed funding. Please contact CBRC office for information on how to contribute.

