

"Goodbye 2020: Lessons Learned for Community-Based Research"

Live Online Discussion Summary, December 17, 2020

GOODBYE



34 participants



Participants came from

- Western Canada
- Eastern Canada
- Ontario
- Quebec
- United States



92% agreed or strongly agreed that the COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected their work



69% agreed or strongly agreed that the Black Lives Matter movement greatly affected their work

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected community-based research?



More difficult to connect with marginalized communities (e.g. COVID lockdowns, decreased capacity in non-profit sector, lack of Internet access, Zoom fatigue)



Challenges maintaining virtual relationships, sometimes leading to reduced community trust



Forced to stop or slow down research, at times allowing for increased relationship building opportunities



Collectively learned to adapt and accept the new, chaotic nature of online meetings



Experimented with new research methods (e.g. online, intergenerational focus groups)



Small group gatherings online allowed for deep, rich discussions with diverse groups of people, including in remote communities

What community-based research lessons have you learned as a result of the Black Lives Matter Movement in 2020?

1



Stop to critically reflect about potential colonizing research approaches, practices and structures

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Listen to BIPOC communities, staff, students and leaders

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Encourage BIPOC leadership in all aspects of research

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Understand and consider your own positionality when working with communities

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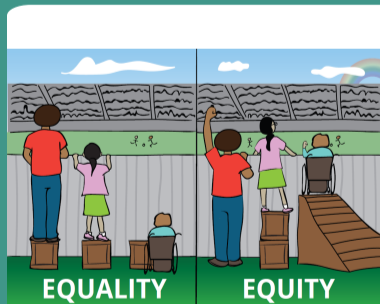
Create time and space for meaningful conversations about race

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Step up to genuinely address issues of inclusion and equity

What gaps can we collectively address in 2021 and beyond to better serve marginalized communities, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement?



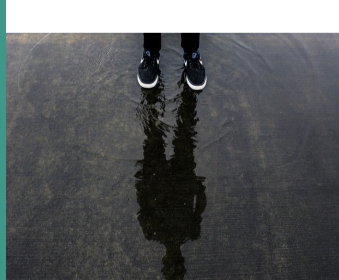
1. Ensure EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion) principles are authentically integrated into all community-based research work



2. Address barriers of working together, including access to technology



3. Bridge capacities between community and academic partners



4. Create space for critical reflection about race and decolonization

Thank You for Attending!

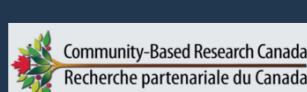
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"Uplifting Indigenous Community Wisdom - Skookum Lab's Journey in Indigenous Social Innovation"

Thursday, January 21, 2020

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