

## Project Description & Overview of Outreach Activities

As communities across Canada begin to envision a post-pandemic reality, they are presented with opportunities to transform their economic, social, and environmental systems. In the face of this challenge, **the University of Regina (U of R) and Community Campus Engage Canada (CCEC) are assembling a series of knowledge-exchange activities throughout 2021** around the theme of just and sustainable transitions through and beyond the pandemic through community-campus research, learning, and creative partnerships. The target audience for these activities includes representatives from community-based/non-profit organizations, institutional community-campus engagement offices, faculty/researchers, and students from diverse regions across Canada.

This project aims to facilitate meaningful cross-sectoral conversations around the following themes:

- How has COVID-19 impacted Canadian communities, and how are adaptive strategies being implemented or considered across non-profit sectors?
- Are new research questions and priorities emerging within communities as they move through and beyond the pandemic?
- What options exist for community-campus collaboration to move through this and other large-scale disruptions? How might these partnerships effectively tap into this moment of potential for significant societal transformation?

Project activities include a two-day virtual workshop convening participants from regions across Canada to discuss pandemic impacts, adaptive responses, and opportunities for community-campus partnerships to help drive societal transformation. Following this event, a post-workshop webinar/discussion session series will be held to continue workshop-generated conversations and emerging collaborations, with the final session aimed at consolidating these conversations into a proposal for a national-level research project. Throughout this year, a project webpage will support ongoing discussion and sharing of project outputs and related resources to inspire strengthened community-campus relationships over the long term.

### Overview of project outreach activities:

#### 1. Online Workshop (May 25-26, 2021)

The workshop agenda includes:

- **Keynote presentations** by representatives of community-based organizations and post-secondary institutions
- **Regional discussions** led by non-profit representatives and community-engaged researchers, including sectors acutely affected by pandemic disruptions (e.g. poverty reduction, food security, elder care, ending domestic violence)

## 2. Post-workshop Webinar/Discussion Session Series (June-October 2021)

Following the workshop, a series of four online webinars/discussions sessions will allow the workshop-generated conversations to continue, and will provide additional opportunities for participants to collaborate and build research networks. The final, integrative webinar in October will aim to develop the previous discussions into a concrete proposal for a pan-Canadian community-campus engagement project on this theme.

Tentative webinar themes will be confirmed based on workshop conversations and outcomes:

- *Identifying opportunities for collective action to address pandemic challenges*
- *Building a representative community-campus engagement network within communities and across Canada to move through and beyond the pandemic*
- *Rethinking our engagement practices: What needs to change to seize the moment?*
- *Designing (and funding) a pan-Canadian action research project to activate ideas from the “Seizing the moment” workshop*

## 3. Project Web Page

A project web page is being hosted on the Community Campus Engage Canada website to provide information and ongoing opportunities to connect for project participants. This web page will:

- **provide updates** on project planning and activities
- **house project outputs** (e.g. workshop video recordings, project report, etc.)
- **house information resources** related to project themes (e.g. reports, academic articles, podcasts, etc.)
- provide an **ongoing platform for participants** to connect, ask questions, share understandings of concepts (e.g. justice, sustainability, recovery, transformation) and post ideas and updates related to moving through and beyond the pandemic

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