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CIFAL Victoria - From Theory to Practice: Competencies for Community Engagement

People

Deadline: 1 May 2025

Type:	Workshop
Location:	Victoria, Canada
Date:	6 May 2025 to 9 May 2025
Duration:	14 Hours
Programme Area:	Decentralize Cooperation Programme
Website:	https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/science-and-the-environment/courses/community...
Price:	\$400.00
Event Focal Point Email:	geogchair@uvic.ca
Partnership:	CIFAL Victoria, , UNESCO Chair in Community-based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

BACKGROUND

From Theory to Practice: Competencies for Community Engagement is an intensive four-day workshop designed for academics, staff, graduate students, and community leaders seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of

community engagement. Through interactive sessions and hands-on learning, learners will develop skills in the foundations of building authentic partnerships, explore innovative participatory research and engagement methods, dive deep into thematic research areas, and develop ethical decision-making skills for community engagement.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

Provide learning opportunity for participants to develop foundational skills for authentic partnerships, participatory research and engagement methods, and ethical decision-making for community engagement.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Develop effective strategies for establishing equitable partnerships
- Learn to address power imbalances and develop skills in ethical practice
- Learn techniques for facilitating participatory methods
- Learn to apply participatory methods for theme-specific community issues

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

May 6: Building Strong Foundations - The Art of Partnerships

This opening session focuses on the essential elements of developing authentic and equitable partnerships. Through interactive role-playing exercises and guided discussions, participants will explore both successful and challenging partnership scenarios. The day emphasizes practical skills for initiating, nurturing, and maintaining meaningful collaborations.

May 7: Participatory Methods - Tools for Community Engagement

This hands-on workshop will introduce learners to participatory methods that foster meaningful community engagement. Through practical sessions, learners will explore and practice various interactive methods that can be adapted to

different community contexts.

May 8: Thematic Deep Dives - From Theory to Practice in Community Engagement

This dynamic workshop offers learners the opportunity to explore community engagement through specific thematic areas, with a focus on water and public health domains. Through facilitated sessions, participants will examine real-world applications and challenges within these critical areas.

May 9: Navigating Ethical Complexities in Community Engagement

This final workshop tackles the nuanced ethical challenges that arise in community engagement through case studies and scenario-based learning. Participants will develop critical decision-making skills for addressing ethical dilemmas in context-specific situations.

METHODOLOGY

This program combines role-playing exercises, practical method training, thematic explorations in water and public health domains, and case study analysis to provide learners with concrete tools for meaningful community engagement. Learning activities include self-reflection exercises, small group discussions, and goal setting.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

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