

A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP) for COMMUNITY-CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

The opportunity: How can we work together with greater impact?

Community-campus engagement (CCE)

happens when universities and colleges work directly with community-based organisations on research, learning and creative projects that address critical community issues.



Engagement is enhanced among CCE collaborators when they:

- are aware of others' interest in community projects
- understand others' perspectives about community issues
- have easy access to CCE best practices or tools.

This project aims to create spaces for more effective CCE through the development of **CCE communities of practice**.



What is a community of practice (CoP)?

A community of practice (CoP) is a group where members come together to actively exchange knowledge, experiences and ideas around a common interest or concern.

CoP members communicate through **in-person gatherings** and/or an **online platform**. Online platforms often include discussion forums and other opportunities for members to connect, learning resources and interactive tools such as webinars.

The project: How do we build great CoPs?

Review examples of effective CoPs



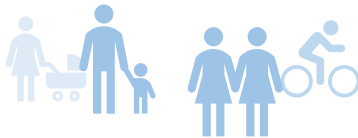
Speak with CoP administrators:
What makes a great community of practice?

Join with community and academic participants to develop a **regional CoP pilot in Saskatoon** and a **national pilot across Canada**



The outcome: How will we apply what we've learned?

We will **enhance the visibility of community-based initiatives** across Canada.



We will **build stronger relationships**, with a better understanding of each others' perspectives, strengths and challenges.

We will **save time in our efforts** by drawing on knowledge and experiences from other CCE projects.



We will develop a range of collaborative projects that **meaningfully address critical social issues in our communities**.



Want to learn more or get involved?

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