



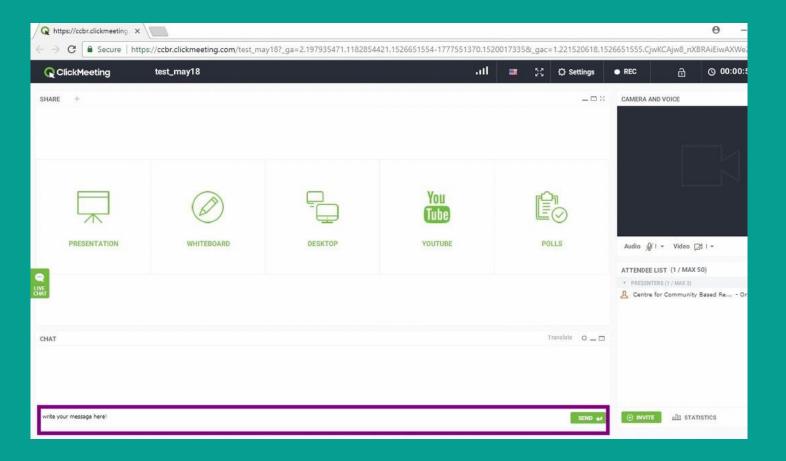
How Community-Based Research is implemented with marginalized populations – Part 2: Immigrant and Refugee families

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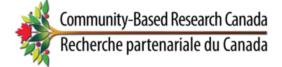
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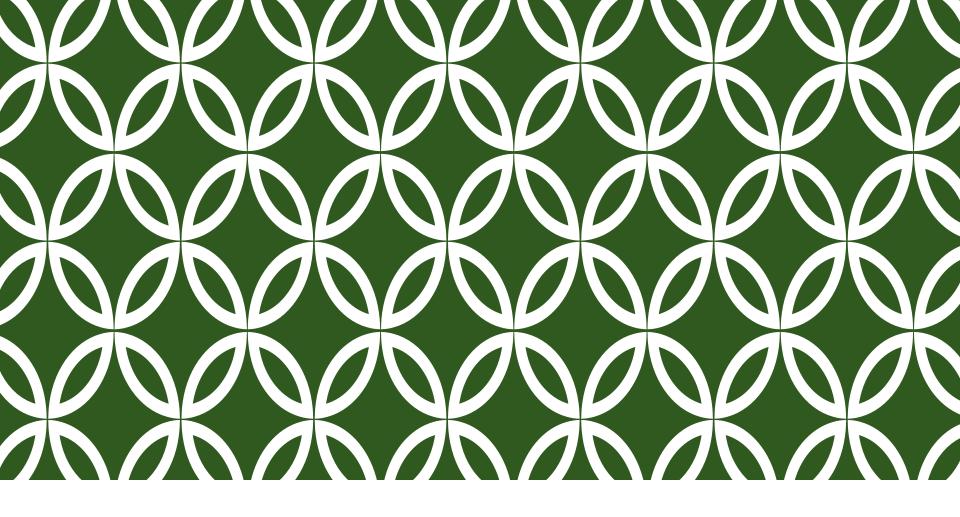


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RESEARCHING WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY

Overview of this growing area of research

Overview of community-based research

Common challenges when researching with immigrants/refugees

Helpful strategies when researching with immigrants/refugees





CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH (CCBR)

Balancing academic excellence with community relevance since 1982

Non-profit organization on the University of Waterloo campus

400+ projects on a range of societal issues; over 70 projects with immigrants and refugees

Entrepreneurial spirit - eligible for academic funding



IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES:

A GROWING AREA OF RESEARCH

- Canada has had sustained high levels of immigration for two decades
- Future immigration targets anticipate levels not seen in a century
- The diversity of immigrants and refugees has grown since the 1970's, now arriving from 200 countries each year
- Academic funded research has been bolstered by the Metropolis movement and by targeted SSHRC calls (eg Syrian refugees)
- Non-academic funded research encouraged by a desire for good community planning and funder demands for accountability
- Researchers recognizing the vulnerability of some newcomers (eg refugees, children), while honouring the dignity of all newcomers



DIVERSITY OF PROJECTS: CCBR

Type of Research

- Evaluating established programs and innovation
- Needs and resource assessment
- Policy research
- Feasibility studies
- Community/systems analysis
- Strategic planning

Topic of Research

- Settlement/resettlement
- Immigrant employment
- Community integration/inclusion
- Immigrant youth
- Refugee claimants
- Mental health
- Immigrant parenting
- Hate crimes
- Inter-ethnic conflict
- Language training
- Pre-arrival



SAMPLE COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS: CCBR

- The impact of the Syrian refugee influx on local systems of support
- Role of churches in immigrant settlement and integration
- Evaluation of Reception House
- Inter-ethnic youth violence
- Faith and settlement partnerships
- Taking culture seriously in community mental health
- Refugee claimant needs assessment
- Immigrant youth in high school
- Making Ontario Home survey
- Ontario immigrant parenting study
- Evaluation of hate crime prevention
- Access to professions and trades
- Developing local immigration partnerships



Hallmarks of Community-Based Research

Research that strives to be....



Community-Driven

Begins with a research topic of practical relevance to the community (as opposed to researchers) and leads to community self-determination



Participatory

Community stakeholders and researchers equitably share control of the evaluation agenda through active and reciprocal involvement in the design, implementation and dissemination



Action-Oriented

The research process and results are useful to stakeholders in making positive social change



Functions of Community-Based Research



Knowledge Production

Gaining new insights through systematic and rigorous research



Knowledge Mobilization

Sharing and communicating what has been learned in ways that enable people to use the research results

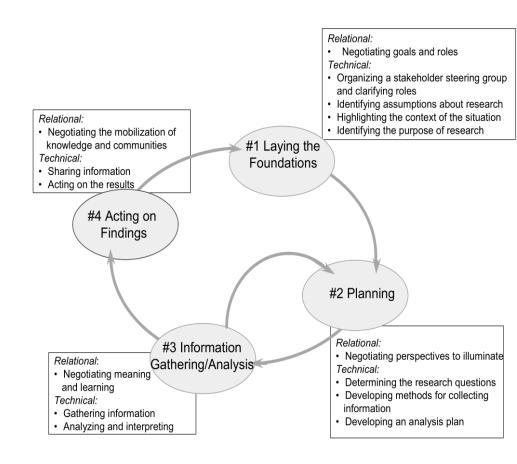


Community Mobilization

Building stronger relationships among stakeholders so that they are better equipped to use research learnings to address societal issues



FOUR PHASES OF COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH





COMMON CHALLENGES:

RESEARCHING WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Affirming both Individual Uniqueness and Shared Humanity

- Gaining trust as an outsider/insider
- Confronting diverse assumptions about research
- Addressing limited evaluation capacity
- Navigating multiple agendas
- Managing language diversity
- Incorporating diverse ways of knowing
- Ensuring free and informed consent
- Being lost in data analysis translation
- Sharing results in an engaging way
- Managing raised expectations



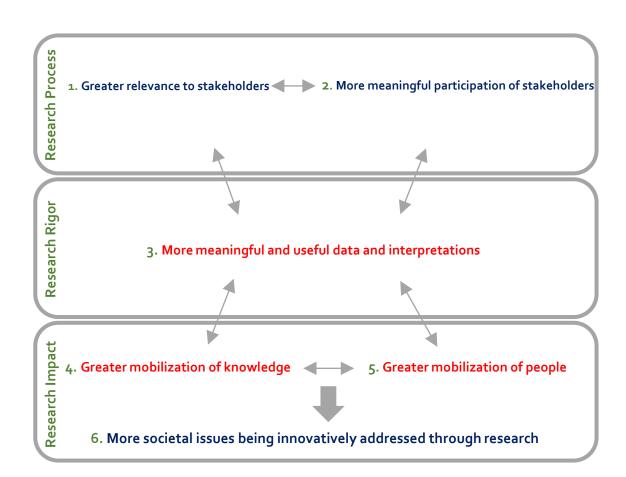
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

CBR Hallmarks

- Community-driven
- Participatory
- Action-oriented

CBR Functions

- Knowledge production
- Knowledge mobilization
- Community mobilization





RESEARCH PROCESS:

HELPFUL STRATEGIES

Community Soundings

- Identifying relevance of research with gatekeepers
- Identifying nuances among stakeholders

Stakeholder Steering Group

- Providing guidance and "conscience"
- Facilitating cross-stakeholder perspectives

Diversity on Research Teams

- Including people with lived experience
- Privileging community mobilization skills

Ongoing Training and Support

- Equipping researchers for consistency
- Equipping community partners for deeper engagement



RESEARCH RIGOUR:

HELPFUL STRATEGIES

Agreed Upon Purpose

- Crafting a mutually agreed purpose statement
- Negotiating main research questions

Data Gathering

- Including people with lived experience, culture, language
- Inviting ethical review that considers community harm (eg CREO)

Data Analysis

- Holding multiple rounds of analysis
- Using common analysis templates across communities



RESEARCH IMPACT:

HELPFUL STRATEGIES

Clear and Creative Summaries

- Crafting digestible written summaries
- Commissioning theatre performances

Community Forums & Events

- Sharing & verifying results
- Discussing & prioritizing solutions
- Led by community partners and community researchers

Plans for Future Action

- Deciding on comprehensive response or micro projects
- Determining next cycles of research with more engagement



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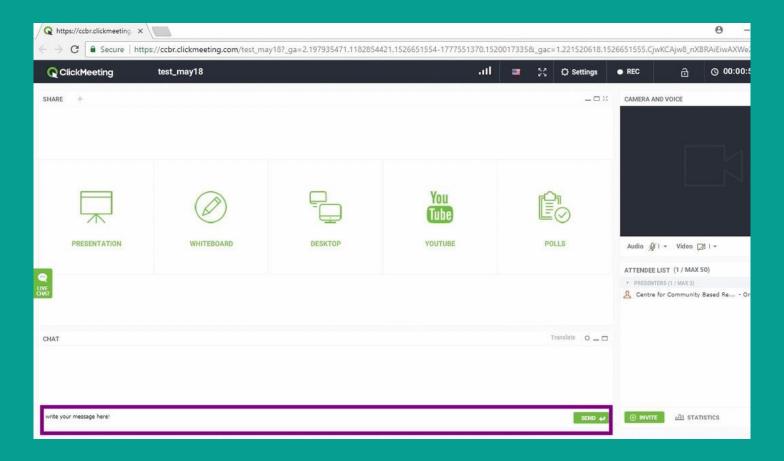
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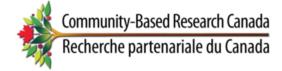




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