

KNOWLEDGE FOR CHANGE (K4C) GLOBAL CONSORTIUM



REPORT
JUNE, 2024



University
of Victoria

UNESCO Chair in Community Based
Research and Social Responsibility
in Higher Education



unesco
Chair

© 2024 UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

This is an open access title distributed under the terms of the CC BY-NC

4.0 license, which permits any non-commercial use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author(s) and source are credited. Further information and the complete license text can be found at <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/>

The terms of the CC license apply only to the original material. The use of material from other sources (indicated by a reference) such as diagrams, illustrations, photos and text samples may require further permission from the respective copyright holder

To obtain permission for uses beyond those outlined in the Creative Commons licenses, please contact PRIA Library (library@pria.org)

For more information about the UNESCO Chair visit: www.unescochair-cbrsr.org

First Edition: November 4, 2021

Written by: Niharika Kaul, Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi.

Edited by: Suriani Dzulkifli, University of Victoria, Canada.

Cover by: Niharika Kaul, Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi.

Second Edition: April, 2024

Written by: Ruchika Rai, UNESCO Chair CBRSRHE

Edited by: Ruchika Rai, UNESCO Chair CBRSRHE

Cover by : Ruchika Rai, UNESCO Chair CBRSRHE

Published at Participatory Research in Asia

Address: 42, Tughlaqabad Institutional Area, New Delhi, 110062, India

ABBREVIATIONS

UNESCO Chair CBRSRHE: UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education

K4C: Knowledge for Change

MTP: Mentor Training Program

MoU: Memorandum of Understanding

CBPR: Community Based Participatory Research

HEIs: Higher Education Institutions

CSO: Civil Society Organization

RTC: Regional Training Center

MRC: Mizan Research Centre, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia. Established: May 2016;

Aim: To disseminate information regarding Mizan (balance) in every aspect of human lives, as prescribed in the Holy Quran in Surah al-Rahman.

MAS: Malay Agricultural Settlement (of Kampong Bharu)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION	1
BIRTH OF K4C	2
ABOUT K4C	9
REGION-WISE OVERVIEW OF THE HUBS	13
K4C REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER	35
HOW TO BECOME A K4C HUB	36

INTRODUCTION

The Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium was established in response to UNESCO's request following our collaboration with them during the 2009 UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education. This culminated in the formation of the UNESCO Chair in 2012.

Over the initial five years (2012-2017), we conducted two pivotal international research projects to deeply understand the landscape of community-university research partnerships and participatory research training globally. These insightful findings (available for free download on our website www.unescochair-cbrsr.org), unveiled the challenges faced by young individuals in accessing comprehensive learning opportunities within community and university settings.

Recognizing the gap where university courses often lacked community engagement and community-led programs lacked theoretical foundations, we collaborated with our global partners to devise a robust pedagogical model named K4C Global Consortium for Training in Community-Based Participatory Research. At the heart of this consortium lies the K4C Hub, forging formal partnerships between community organizations and higher education institutions, with a shared commitment to providing holistic learning experiences aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Since its inception, the K4C Consortium has garnered immense interest from various stakeholders eager to establish K4C Hubs. By fostering MoUs between community and academic partners, these hubs nominate mentors to undergo the MTP, which is a comprehensive 21-week program, offered online and face-to-face, designed to equip mentors to teach CBPR courses in their regions. We offer multiple MTP cohorts annually, equipping scholars and practitioners to spearhead impactful initiatives and drive positive change within their communities, through CBPR.

We are pleased to showcase the existing 24 hubs (across 16 countries) in the present document. Individuals interested in establishing a K4C hub in their region are encouraged to reach out to us.

Budd Hall and Rajesh Tandon ,

Co-Chairs,

UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education.



Drs. Budd Hall (right) and Rajesh Tandon (left) at the Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) Head Office, New Delhi.

BIRTH OF THE K4C GLOBAL CONSORTIUM

India Launch

The birth of the K4C marked a significant milestone in global research collaboration, with its grand launch on November 13, 2017, at the National University of Educational Planning & Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi.

This momentous event, held in collaboration with NUEPA, drew over fifty participants, including academics, civil society practitioners and students from Canada, Indonesia, Italy, Spain, Uganda, and other parts of the world.

The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi, Director of UNESCO New Delhi, who praised the Chair's groundbreaking initiative in training the next generation of researchers in community-based research.

Dr. S. K. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, stressed the importance of universities' connection to society for future relevance. Prof. N. V. Varghese, Vice-Chancellor of NUEPA, highlighted the significance of societal engagement in research to conclude the event.



BIRTH OF THE K4C GLOBAL CONSORTIUM

Canada Launch

Following the India launch, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and the University of Victoria hosted the Canadian launch of the K4C Consortium in Ottawa, Ontario, on December 14, 2017.

The gathering witnessed engaging discussions on the relevance of community-based research, with notable attendees including Dr. Budd Hall, Dr. Rajesh Tandon (UNESCO Co-Chairs), Dr. Sebastian Goupil (Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission of UNESCO), Dr. Joanna Ochocka (Vice-Chair, CBRC Canada), Dr. Martin Taylor (Executive Director, Canadian Research Data Centre Network), Dr. Crystal Tremblay (Research Director, UNESCO Chair), and Dr. Walter Lepore (Project Director, UNESCO Chair).

In 2018, the first Cohort of the K4C Consortium commenced with the MTP, training mentors from seven countries globally. Since then, the consortium has expanded to 15 countries, establishing 25 hubs and successfully completing its ninth MTP cohort.



K4C IN NUMBERS

24	K4C HUBS
COUNTRIES	16
157	CBPR MENTORS
COURSES/TRAININGS	83
38	PUBLICATIONS
45	RESEARCH PROJECTS

ABOUT K4C

K4C HUBS

K4C hubs serve as the foundational organizations of the K4C Consortium at the field level. These hubs are the tangible manifestation of the larger K4C Consortium system, operating locally to organize and facilitate the dissemination of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) methodology amongst the next generation of scholars, researchers, community members, and civil society personnel.

A K4C Hub is formed through a formal partnership between one or more Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). They serve as dynamic platforms where research capacities and professional skills are honed through innovative teaching methods. These hubs foster collaborative research, knowledge exchange, and community engagement, paving the way for the co-construction of knowledge in respectful partnerships with local communities.

The overarching goal of K4C hubs, in alignment with the UNESCO Chair on Community- Based Research (CBR), is to train the next generation of mentors and leaders in CBPR to a global standard, particularly focusing on regions in the global south and previously excluded areas in the north.

This endeavor is crucial in addressing the critical challenges facing humanity and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by fostering new insights, innovative solutions, and meaningful connections both locally and globally. Recent studies have underscored a growing demand for learning CBPR methodology among practitioners and students, highlighting the importance and relevance of K4C hubs in advancing this field of research.

Mentor Training Program (MTP)

The K4C Hubs are established and nurtured through the MTP, serving as the foundational training program for their development. Utilizing a cascade training model, the K4C Consortium has meticulously crafted a 21-week MTP that integrates online learning activities, a two-week face-to-face learning workshop, and hands-on fieldwork to be conducted locally under the guidance of a designated local supervisor.

Mentors enrolled in the MTP, under the mentorship of UNESCO Co-Chairs, receive a certificate jointly issued by the UNESCO Chair CBR-SR, PRIA International Academy (PIA), and the University of Victoria (UVic) upon successful completion. These certified mentors are entrusted with pivotal roles in the evolution of their local hubs, encompassing the design of teaching curriculum and pedagogy, and the enhancement of research capacities within the local and regional contexts.

The MTP continues to be successfully delivered through UVic Continuing Studies since 2018, and has completed its ninth cohort in April 2024. Over 157 K4C mentors have been trained with the necessary knowledge and skills of CBPR, with the objective to enable positive transformations within their respective communities, and contribute meaningfully to the K4C network's growth and impact.

With the recent move towards regionalization of MTP, regional training centers have been created in Southeast Asia, Africa and Latin America that will be delivering MTPs in their respective regions. Similar regionalization efforts are also underway in North America and Europe.



MTP Residency in Barcelona, February 2024

OUR GLOBAL REACH



REGION-WISE OVERVIEW OF THE HUBS

Africa

Gulu University Hub

Location: Gulu, Uganda

University Partner: Gulu University

Community Partners: Partners for Community Development

Year of creation: 2019

Hub Coordinator: Dr. David Monk (d.monk@gu.ac.ug)

Mentors	6
Publications	2
Number of people trained in CBPR	6



Read more about this hub here- <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/gulu-hub-uganda/>

Africa

Nyerere Hub

Location: Arusha, Tanzania

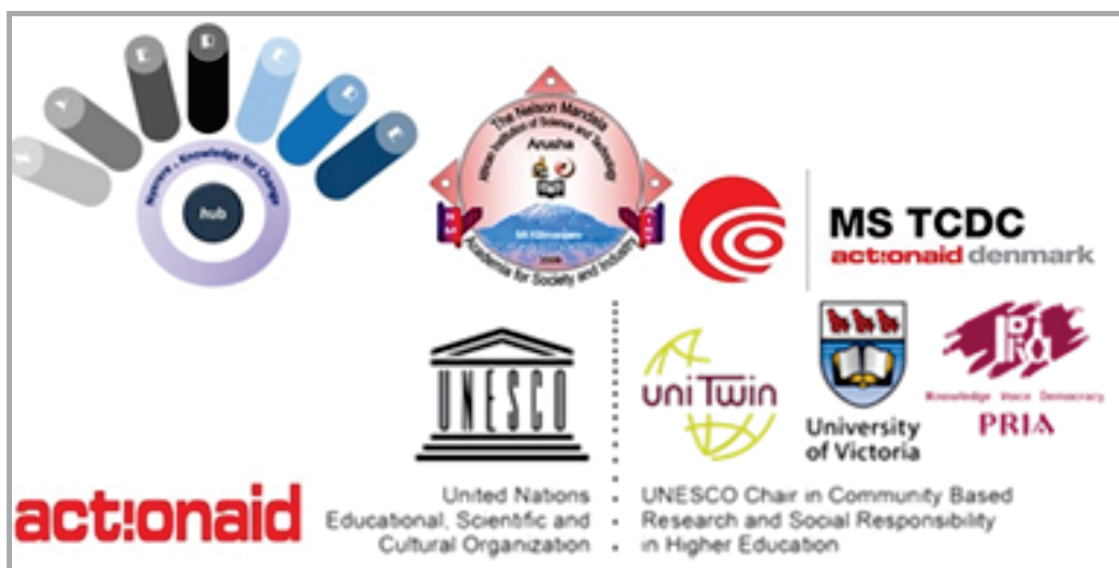
University Partner: Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology

Community Partners: ActionAid Tanzania(AATZ), MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS TCDC)

Year of creation: 2019

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Mwemezi J. Rwiza (mwemezi.rwiza@nm-aist.ac.tz)

Mentors	3
Projects	2
Trainings/Conferences	2
Number of people trained in CBPR	3



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/nyerere-k4c-hub/>

Africa

South Africa (South) Hub

Location: Makhanda, South Africa

University Partner: Rhodes University

Community Partners: The Learning Trust

Year of creation: 2021

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Rene Oosthuizen (r.oosthuizen@ru.ac.za)

Mentors	62
Projects	10
Trainings/Courses	10
Number of people trained in CBPR	297



Read more about this Hub here- <https://www.ru.ac.za/communityengagement/engagedresearch/knowledgeforchangesouthernhub/>

Africa

South Africa (North) Hub

Location: Potchefstroom and Bloemfontein, South Africa

University Partner: North-West University, University of Free State and Central University of Technology

Community Partners: Gatelepele Youth Skills Development, Bloemshelter, Bafenyi Trust, Early Childhood Care and Education and Community-based Educational Research (COMBER)

Year of creation: 2019

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Lesley Wood (lesley.wood@nwu.ac.za)

Mentors	6
Trainings/Conferences	27
Number of people trained in CBPR	801



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/south-africa-k4c-hub/>

Africa

CBPR K4C Hub, CHRIST (Deemed to be) University

Location: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

University Partner: Christ University, Bengaluru

Community Partners: Centre for Social Action (CSA), Chetana Women and Community Development Multipurpose Souhardha Co-Operative Ltd, Yelachamana Halli, Hosakote.

Year of creation: 2020

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Kishore Babu (kishore.babu@christuniversity.in); Dr. Sharon Valarmathy (valarmathi.b@christuniversity.in)

Mentors	6
Publication	18
Courses	2
Trainings/Conferences	8
Number of people trained in CBPR	296



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/india-k4c-hub-christ-university/>

Asia

Mizan K4C Hub and Asia Regional Training Center

Location: Nilai, Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

University Partner: Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM)

Community Partners: Malay Agricultural Settlement (MAS) of Kampong Bharu, Malaysian Youth Council (MYC), Kuala Lumpur and International Youth Centre (IYC)

Year of creation: 2019

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Mahazan Abdul Mutalib (USIM)(mahazanusim@gmail.com)

Mentors	10
Publications	16
Projects	9
Trainings/Conferences	27
Number of people trained in CBPR	10



Read more about this Hub here - <http://kampungmizan.usim.edu.my/mizan-k4c-hub/>



Asia

USM Hub

Location: Penang, Malaysia

University Partner: Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

Community Partner: APUCEN (Asia Pacific University-Community Engagement Network)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Asyirah Abdul Rahim (School of Humanities, USM; asyirah@usm.my) and Dr. Muzaimi Mustapha (School of Medical Sciences, USM; mmuzaimi@usm.my)

Mentors	4
Publications	1
Trainings/Conferences	4
Research Projects	3
Number of people trained in CBPR	4



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/malaysia-k4c-hub/>

Asia

Qadim Hub, UNIMAS (University of Malaysia, Sarawak)

Location: Kota Samarahan, Sarawak, Malaysia

University Partner: UNIMAS; Mizan Hub, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM); USM K4C Hub, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Community Partners: Desa Ilmu Children Activity Centre; Meriyu Village, Lundu; Other local communities Agency Partners: Sarawak Museum Department (JMS); Regional Corridor Development Authority (RECODA)

Year of creation: 2021

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Rafeah Wahi (UNIMAS) (wrafeah@unimas.my)

Mentors	3
Publication	1
Courses	3
Research Projects	2
Trainings/Conferences	4
Number of people trained in CBPR	100



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.usc.unimas.my/index.php/qadim-hub-k4c>

Asia

UIN Sunan Ampel Hub (UINSA) Hub

Location: Surabaya, Indonesia

University Partner: Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Ampel (UINSA)

Community Partners: LPPM-Center for Community-Based Research and Development of UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya, LBH UINSA, Pusat Studi Lingkungan dan Mitigasi Bencana, Center for Peace Building, Pusat Kajian Pedesaan dan Politik Lokal, (Pusat Perlindungan Kekerasan Perempuan dan Anak/ POLDA JATIM)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Nabila Naili (UINSA) (naily.uinsa@gmail.com)

Mentors	11
Publication	2
Research Projects	1
Trainings/Conferences	10
Number of people trained in CBPR	150



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/indonesia-k4c-hub/>

Number of people trained in CBPR 150

Asia

Dayalbagh Hub

Location: Agra, Uttar Pradesh

University Partner: Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Dayalbagh, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India
Community Partners: Life Long Learning & Extension Activities, Nagar Panchayat, Dayalbagh, Agra

Year of creation: 2022

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Jyoti Gogia (jgogia07@gmail.com)

Mentors	4
Publications	3
Courses	1
Trainings/Conferences	2
Number of people trained in CBPR	7200



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.dei.ac.in/dayalbaghhub/index.php/research>

Asia

Sangawari Hub

Location: Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India

University Partner: Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University

Community Partners: Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Reeta Venugopal (reetavenugopal@yahoo.com); Dr. Anuradha Chatterjee (anu3072@gmail.com)

Mentors	4
Mentors	8
Publication	1
Courses	2
Research Projects	14
Trainings/Conferences	12
Number of people trained in CBPR	1077



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/india-k4c-hub-raipur/>

Asia

Jaipur Hub

Location: Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

University Partner: Manipal University, Jaipur (MUJ)

Community Partners: Gram Panchayats, Municipalities, Jain Social Group (CentralSanstha), Mahila HousingTrust (MHT), Chahat (Women welfare foundation), National Service Scheme (NSS) and Participatory Research In Asia (PRIA)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Madhura Yadav (madhura.yadav@jaipur.manipal.edu)

Mentors	4
Mentors	4
Publication	3
Courses	1
Research Projects	4
Trainings/Conferences	1
Number of people trained in CBPR	594



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/india-k4c-hub/>

Europe

UL Engage-University of Limerick Hub

Location: Limerick, Ireland

University Partner: University of Limerick

Community Partners: Limerick City and County Council, Limerick City Community Development Project and over 20 local community groups

Year of creation: 2019

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Maura Adshead (Maura.Adshead@ul.ie)

Mentors	8
Courses	3
Number of people trained in CBPR	200

Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/ireland-k4c-hub-limerick/>

Europe

Sassari Hub

Location: Sassari, Italy

University Partner: University of Sassari

Community Partners: FOIST Lab, University of Sassari, IntHum, Intercultural Laboratory for research and Human Promotion(Social Promotion Association), Nuovi Scenari (Socialenterprise), Arci Sardegna (Social Promotion Association) and Cospes Salesiani Sardegna (Professional and Social School Orientation Center)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Andrea Vargiu (avargiu@uniss.it)

Mentors	3
Publications	13
Courses	4
Research Projects	3
Trainings/Conferences	24
Number of people trained in CBPR	65



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/italy-k4c-hub/>

Europe

Brescia K4C Hub

Location: Brescia, Italy

University Partner: University of Brescia

Community Partners: Ambiente Parco

Year of creation: 2021

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Giovanna Grossi (giovanna.grossi@unibs.it)

Mentors	3
Courses	2
Number of people trained in CBPR	80

Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/italy-k4c-hub-brescia/>

North America

Tkaronto K4C Hub

Location: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

University Partner: University of Toronto

Community Partners: Toronto Centre for Community Learning and Development; Ontario Council for International Cooperation

Year of creation: 2020

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Leslie Chan (lesliekw.chan@utoronto.ca)

Mentors	4
Courses	2
Research Projects	2
Number of people trained in CBPR	120



Read more about this Hub here - https://knowledgeequitylab.ca/projects_initiatives/k4ctkaronto/

North America

West Virginia University (WVU) Hub

Location: Morgantown, West Virginia, USA

University Partner: West Virginia University

Community Partners: WVU Centre for Resilient Communities, West Virginia

Year of creation: 2021

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Bradley Wilson (bradley.wilson@mail.wvu.edu)

Mentors	6
Trainings/Courses	1
Number of people trained in CBPR	17

Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/u-s-a-k4c-hub-university-of-west-virginia/>

North America

Salish Sea Hub

Location: Coast Salish and Straits Salish Territories (of the ləkʷəŋən and ƳSÁNEĆ Peoples)

University Partner: University of Victoria (Faculty of Social Sciences and the Office of the Vice President Research)

Community Partners: Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC); Victoria Foundation

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Crystal Tremblay (crystalt@uvic.ca)

Mentors	6
Mentors	6
Publication	2
Courses	1
Research Projects	7
Trainings/Conferences	1
Number of people trained in CBPR	109



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.communityresearchcanada.ca/post/building-community-based-research-capacity-and-action-towards-decolonization>

Latin America

Cuba Hub

Location: Santiago de Cuba, Cuba

University Partner: Universidad de Oriente

Community Partners: La Dirección Provincial de Cultura de Santiago de Cuba, El Centro Provincial de Casas de Cultura de Santiago de Cuba, El Centro Provincial del Libro y la Literatura

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Ana Belkis Perdomo (anabelkisperdomo.caceres74@gmail.com)

Mentors	4
Research Projects	1
Trainings/Courses	16
Number of people trained in CBPR	113



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/cuba-k4c-hub/>

Latin America

IAPaZ Colombia Hub

Location: Bogota and Ibagué, Colombia

University Partner: Universidad de los Andes and Universidad de Ibagué

Community Partners: Fundación CINDE(Centro Internacional de Educación y Desarrollo Humano)

Year of creation: 2018

Hub Coordinator: Dr. Irma Alicia Flores Hinojos (ia.flores24@uniandes.edu.co)

Mentors	6
Courses/ Trainings	3
Research Projects	6
Number of people trained in CBPR	350



Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/columbia-k4c-hub/>

Latin America

Mexico Hub

Location: Mexico City, Mexico

University Partner: Universidad Iberoamericana

Community Partners: Pro Niños de la Calle, IAP

Year of creation: 2020

Hub Coordinator: Ms. Rocío Cos Garduño(rocio.cos@ibero.mx)

Mentors	4
Number of people trained in CBPR	4

Read more about this Hub here - <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/mexico-k4c-hub/>

K4C REGIONAL MTP CENTRES

Regional Centers are pivotal institutions within the K4C, serving as essential facilitators for the MTP within their designated geographical areas. These centers play a crucial role in providing guidance, expertise, and resources to empower CBPR training of next generation practitioners.

As of now, the K4C has established four Regional MTP Centers globally, each strategically positioned to cater to the unique needs and challenges of its respective region. These centers serve as key pillars in fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building within the K4C network.

Following are the regions and their corresponding MTP Training centers:

1. Asia Training Centre – Mizan Hub, Malaysia. Regional Coordinator: Dr. Mahazan Abdul Mutalib, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).
2. Africa Training Centre – Gulu University, Uganda. Regional Coordinator: Dr. David Monk, Gulu University, Uganda.
3. South America Training Centre – IAPaZ Colombia Hub, Colombia. Regional Coordinator: Dr. Irma Flores, University of the Andes, Bogota, Colombia.

WANT TO BE A K4C HUB?

Interested in creating a K4C Hub where you are living and working, and becoming a part of the K4C Global Consortium? Contact Ruchika Rai, Coordinator, K4C Global Consortium. ruchika.rai@pria.org; k4chubs@gmail.com



University
of Victoria



Knowledge, Values, Democracy
PRIA

UNESCO Chair in Community Based
Research and Social Responsibility
In Higher Education



unesco
Chair

website: <https://www.unescochair-cbrsr.org/>