

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

AND

PRIA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Re: Knowledge for Change (K4C): An International Consortium for Training in
Community Based Research

Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents the nature of the collaboration between the Office of Community University Engagement at the University of Victoria (UVic) and the PRIA International Academy (PIA) in support of the creation of a global training initiative "Knowledge for Change (K4C): An International Consortium for Training in Community Based Research (CBR)" under the direction of Dr. Budd Hall and Dr. Rajesh Tandon, UNESCO Co-Chairs (the "K4C Consortium").

Purpose

The K4C Consortium aims to develop a Mentor Training Program (MTP) curriculum based online but using face-to-face methodology. Mentors trained in the curriculum will be active in various countries.

The K4C Consortium will respond to the contemporary societal challenges through an international partnered training initiative focused on the development of research capacities for the co-creation of knowledge through collective action by community groups and academics on issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Areas of Academic Exchange and Cooperation

The K4C Consortium, under the overall supervision of PIA and UVic, will focus on the development of research capacities for the co-creation of knowledge through collective action by community groups and academics working together in various training hubs around the world.

Through this programme, PIA and UVic will work together to create a global trans-disciplinary research training partnership between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

PIA and UVic will jointly develop a certificate, meeting requirements of both the organisations, to recognize student participation in the MTP.

The programme will strengthen the trainees' individual research capacities and professional skills to support their transition to the workplace in academic and non-academic settings, using a variety of training methods such as online curriculum, classroom-based teaching, professional development workshops, field research and individual mentorship.

The programme aims to train more than 1450 community-based researchers (including 100 mentors) in the next 5 years, creating and supporting hubs to deliver CBR training in the global South and excluded communities of the global North (e.g., Indigenous communities, refugees and the homeless).

This will contribute to strengthening the trainees' employment and career opportunities, enhancing institutional capacity in CBR at HEIs and CSOs, and generating contextually and culturally relevant learning materials and resources in local languages, which will be accessible to students, academic researchers, activist citizens, civil society organizations and the general public.

Each local training hub will focus on the co-construction of knowledge and its application to the solution of community issues linked to at least three of the UN SDGs (Indigenous development, water governance, poverty and inequality, climate action, gender equality and violence against women).

Principles of the MOU

This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on either PIA or UVic, but is intended to facilitate discussions of their shared interests and commitment to follow the proposed goals, anticipated outcomes, methodology, and management structure for realizing the objectives of the K4C Consortium.

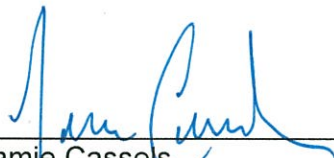
Details of the implementation of any particular initiative resulting from this MOU shall be negotiated between the parties as each specific case may arise, and will result in a separate agreement. Both parties understand that financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

This MOU is valid for a period of five years from the date of signing. Either party may terminate this MOU upon 90 days written notice to the other. Modifications to this agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the parties in writing signed by the parties. Upon expiry, the parties may wish to renew the agreement in writing for a period of time to be determined by mutual consent.

SIGNED for and on behalf of

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

by its duly authorized officers on
the 22 day of June 2017.



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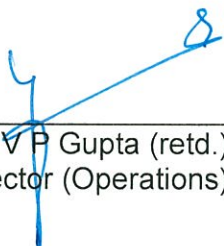
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