KNOWLEDGE FOR CHANGE (K4C) GLOBAL CONSORTIUM

CONTEXT

Established in 2012 and co-led by Drs. Rajesh Tandon and Budd Hall, the UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social-Responsibility in Higher Education, reimagines the role of higher education through socially responsible, inclusive, and community-engaged research and teaching.

A central pillar of the Chair's work is advancing Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), a collaborative approach that centers community voices and shared knowledge creation.

Through initiatives like the Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium, the Chair builds global capacity to address real-world challenges by training the next generarion of CBPR practitioners and empowering communities through democratizing knowledge.

WHAT IS K4C

Q. How do we build capacities in CBPR among the next generation of academics and practitioners?
Q. How do we build sustainable structures for research capacity in CBPR?

The response- Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium. K4C for Training in CBPR was established during the second term (2016–2020) of the UNESCO Chair in CBR-SRHE.

It was formally launched on 13 November 2017 in New Delhi, in collaboration with the UNESCO New Delhi Office and the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The Canadian launch took place on 14TH December 2017, with joint efforts from the University of Victoria and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

K4C aims to foster enduring partnerships between universities and practitioner organizations, shaping a sustainable knowledge architecture.

THE K4C STRATEGY

At the heart of the Knowledge for Change (K4C) approach is the creation of K4C Hubs. These are formal partnerships between universities and community organizations.

These hubs are designed to:
- Advance CBPR practices
- Co-create locally relevant knowledge and solutions
- Address complex global challenges such as climate change, local governance, active citizenship, and social equity
- Align research and action with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mentor Training Program (MTP)

A cornerstone of K4C is the 21-week Mentor Training Program, designed to:

- Mentorship: Equip academics and practitioners to become CBPR Mentors
- Ethical and Social Responsibility: Promote socially responsible research within Higher Education Institutes
- Contextualized Learning: Support the creation and delivery of locally adapted CBPR courses

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Map hubs:
- Salish Sea Hub Canada
- Toronto Hub Canada
- University of West Virginia Hub USA
- Mexico Hub
- Cuba Hub
- LaPaz Colombia Hub
- UL Engage Hub Ireland
- Brescia Hub Italy
- Sassari Hub Italy
- Catalan Hub Barcelona
- Pasteur Hub Tunisia
- Burkina Faso Hub
- Gulu Hub Uganda
- Nyerere Hub Tanzania
- South Africa (North) Hub
- PRIA Hub India
- Jaipur Hub India
- Dayalbagh Hub India
- Raipur Hub India
- Christ University Hub India
- Penang Hub Malaysia
- Mizan Hub Malaysia
- Qadim Hub Malaysia
- Surabaya Hub Indonesia

- 16 Countries
- 83 Trainings/Conferences
- 38 Publications
- 45 Research Projects

- 23 ACTIVE HUBS WORLDWIDE
- 83 CBPR COURSES DELIVERED
- 1,000 TRAINED MENTORS
- 5,000+ STUDENTS

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"...Tandon and Hall's decades of experience shine through... skilfully weaving together theoretical learning with practical examples."
— Prof. Kevin Hall, President and Vice Chancellor, University of Victoria, Canada

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