

Community-Engaged Service Working Group – Summary of Priorities

These priorities were proposed during roundtable discussions on the CE Service Working Group and are sorted by timeframe.

Immediate Priorities (by September 2016)

- **Improve access to information** on experiential education coordinators, community-based student groups, and other individuals or organizations involved with community engagement.
- **Communicate best practices**, along with learned experiences of what not to do, to all partners, taking care to include community partners' perspectives.

Short-term Priorities (by June 2017)

- **Facilitate involvement with community-engaged service** through creating strategies to match people with opportunities, determining and communicating strategies of opportunity selection, and creating recognition mechanisms for volunteering and other service work.
- **Reach a mutual understanding** on the range of competencies that students can bring to a partnership and on the expectations each partner should bring to a service opportunity.

Long-term Priorities (over next 5 years)

- **Plan and prepare for the future** by reducing transportation barriers and encouraging people who benefit from services at McMaster to re-invest in their home communities.