

McMaster University Office of Community Engagement
Capacity Building Pillar | Priorities¹

This document provides a summary of capacity building priorities for the Office of Community Engagement (OCE). These priorities were identified through consultations with community and campus partners as part of the development of a 5-year strategic plan for community engagement.

- **Developing a Community-Engaged Education Toolkit** (MIIETL PALAT Grant)
- **Developing community-engaged research supports for graduate students**
- **Hosting three (3) annual capacity building workshops** that respond to identified needs.²
Possible workshops for 2016-2017 include:
 - Impacts Unpacked discussion on knowledge exchange strategies
 - PATHS to Research Collaboration workshop to share a guide launched in February 2016
 - Principles of Community Engagement
- **Creating an online repository of workshops** that could feature filmed footage of in-person workshops with additional material that were not covered by those workshops, such as webinars piloted to address specific capacity-building issues. The Network could also consider contributing to existing webinar series (e.g. Community-Based Research Canada webinars). The purpose of having an online option is for community partners, faculty, staff, and students to access them on their own time and thus increase the reach of these capacity-building efforts. Possible ideas to explore include:
 - Approaches to Facilitation: A video series of different facilitation styles.
 - Sharing the Community-Engaged Education Toolkit (when ready)
- **Taking part in and promoting existing meetings and events** that support capacity building
- **Meeting with all major campus units by the end of the 2016-2017 academic year** to share tools available for supporting community engagement, especially the action-oriented principles developed through strategic plan consultations.
- **Partnering on two (2) annual public engagement events** that share knowledge between university and community partners.

The Office of Community Engagement will pursue these priorities by liaising with various campus units and community partners.

¹ This document was created in August 2016 by Dave Heidebrecht (Coordinator, Office of Community Engagement).

² The April 2016 Network for Community-Campus Partnerships *Capacity Building Concept Note* provides topics identified during the Network's strategic planning process.