# Community Engagement: A few lessons from CFICE

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- What is CFICE?
- Some lessons from one of our five hubs
- CFICE next steps



#### **Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement**

- A leader in 'community-first' approaches to community-campus engagement (CCE)
- Strengthening social and environmental justice in Canada by supporting the cocreation of knowledge in and through community-campus partnerships
- CFICE works to impact sectoral as well as CCE policies and practices through research and knowledge mobilization.
- Phase I Sectors: Poverty Reduction Community Environmental Sustainability Violence Against Women Community Food Security

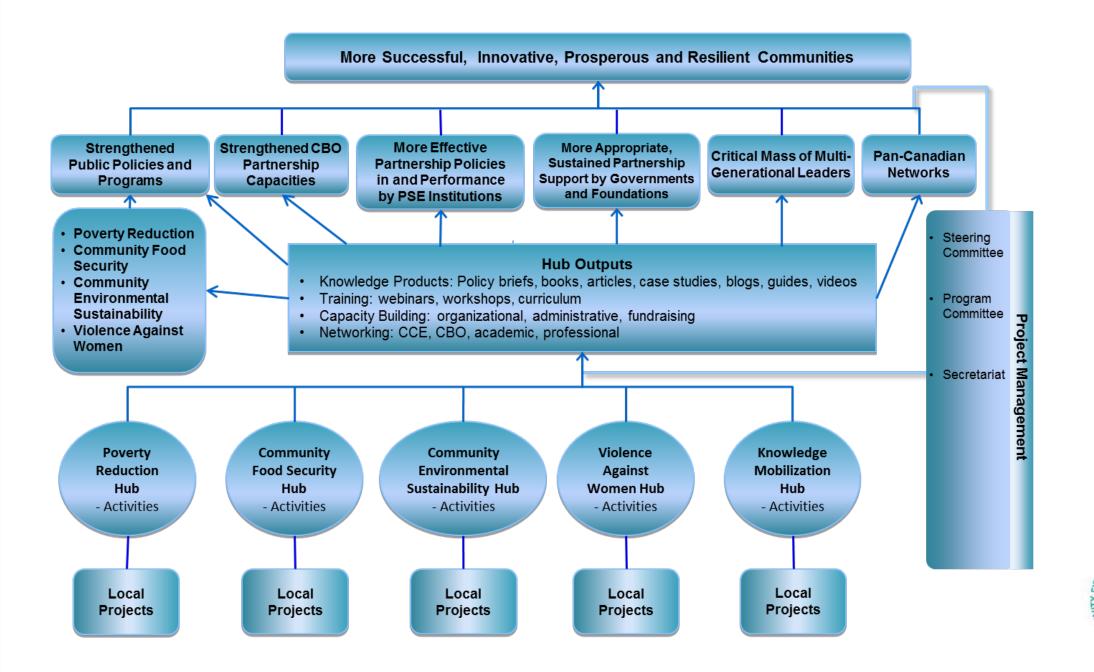




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#### Some lessons from Community Food Security hub:

 Building effective communitycampus partnerships (in teaching, research, and beyond) requires:



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#### Building effective relationships for community-engaged scholarship in Canadian food studies

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#### Abstract

How can community-engaged scholars best undertake grounded, policy-relevant, food systems research and teaching in ways that support the capacity of—and meaningfully build on—the experiences of civil society organizations working on these issues in Canada? This paper analyzes four case studies in the context of a research project that brings together members of the Canadian Association for Food Studies and Food Secure Canada. One case was led by Region of

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#### Relationship based on Shared Vision





### **Mutually-Negotiated Project**



Key: Honest conversations about each partner's needs, capacities, resources, etc.



### Contextual fluidity



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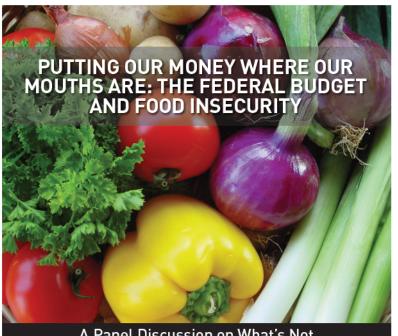
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#### Also:

• Disaggregate 'community' in community-campus engagement: There is no such thing!



A Panel Discussion on What's Not Happening and What Should be Done

Monday, Feb. 4, 2013 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room, River Building

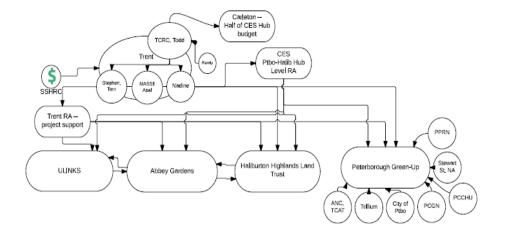




## Next Steps for CFICE

- 2016-2019: Four cross-sectoral working groups:
  - Aligning Institutions for Community Impact
    - Targets: funders, post-secondary institutions, community orgs.
  - Community-Based Partnership Brokerage
    - Local table: Ottawa partners
    - National table: Food security movement activists and academics
  - Community-First Partnership Tools and Practices
    - E.g. student pathways for community engagement
  - CFICE Evaluation and Analysis
    - Sharing our learning

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