Community-Based Research Process

Voluntary/community group/civil society organisation (CSO) poses research question(s)

Identification of student(s) and supervisor(s). Student may be interviewed by CBR coordinator and/or CSO

Meeting between CSO, student(s) & college supervisor(s): Plan project, agree and sign research agreement

Additional research considerations: Ethical approval?, consent forms, police vetting?, etc.

Research undertaken by student(s)

Submit Thesis

If thesis score < 50%

If thesis score > 50%

Make recommendations and discuss with CSO how to implement findings. Further research required?

Research report presented to CSO after examinations board

Research report placed on website after examinations board

Research report presented to CSO and after examinations board

Consider publication options: article in newspaper, journal, website, book chapter, conference paper, presentation, etc.

Disseminate call for projects.

Exit: Does not meet criteria

See resources section for criteria to assist with decision on acceptance of proposals

Ethical issues associated with all projects must be considered at this point.

CBR coordinator puts projects on local website database

Student should have 60%+ grade avg. and tutor reference

CBR projects could be included in research method courses.

Development of research plan

See resource section for CBR research agreement sample and prompts and guidance to structure meetings

Use CBR Manual for prompts and guidance to structure meeting

Social research ethics committee approval maybe needed.

Student undertakes research with support from college tutor and CSO

Supervisor meets student regularly to check progress and ensure research follows original plan

CSO’s continued participation in research encouraged. Any changes or modifications to research plan to be negotiated with CSO.