Community Based Research Process

**Phase 1**
Identification of research questions

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

**Advisory Committee**

**Phase 2**
Pre-planning:
- Clarify research questions/
evaluate feasibility/
map concrete needs

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

**Meeting between CSO, student(s) & co-ordinator and/or 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)**

**Phase 3**
Science Shop project management

**Submit thesis.**
- If thesis score = 50% +

**Phase 4**
Follow-up, dissemination and publications

- 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 UCC CARL website after examinations board
- Consider publication options: article in newspaper, journal, website, book chapter, conference paper, presentation, etc.

**EXIT:** Does not meet criteria

- Disseminate call for projects (February)
- Identify questions through existing CSO contacts and students on community placements
- Use *Preparing Your Application to the Science Shop* document to help develop proposals

- See *Science Shop Manual* for criteria to assist with decision on acceptance of proposals
- Ethical issues associated with all projects *must* be considered at this point

- Science Shop committee/co-ordinator
- Projects placed on website database
- Student must have 60%+ grade avg. and tutor reference
- Research methods courses
- Programme co-ordinators and past Science Shop contributors

- Development of research plan
- Use *UCC Science Shop Research Agreement*
- Use *Science Shop Manual* for prompts and guidance to structure meeting
- Social research ethics committee approval?

- 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

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