Community-Based Research Process

Phase 1
Identification of research question, and seek ethics community approval (if necessary)

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

Advisory Committee

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

Submit Thesis

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

If thesis score > 50%
Research report placed on website 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
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CBR projects could be included in research method courses.

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Use CBR Manual for prompts and guidance to structure meeting
Social research ethics committee approval maybe needed.

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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.

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

Phase 3
Project management

Phase 4
Follow-up, dissemination and publications

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