

# COMBER

## 2nd International Conference

### 29 - 30 November 2021

***Creating positive futures through Community-based Research (CBR):  
A transdisciplinary conference***

Amid a pandemic that has affected every human being on the planet, it may be difficult to imagine a positive future for humankind. COVID-19 has highlighted the social inequalities in societies, widening the gap between the economically privileged and those who struggle to access appropriate educational, health and welfare services and the means to generate a livable income. Yet, this universal crisis has rendered more urgent and more public the calls for the academy to put its knowledge resources to work for the common good. Increasing technological advances require comparable human development to enable us to embrace in a sustainable way the changing demands of life. Community-based research is one pathway to reclaim humanity in research to promote the peaceable co-existence of all human ways of being and knowing. The time is thus ripe for community-based research, combining the theoretical knowledge of the academy with the local, experiential knowledge of those experiencing the consequences of social inequality, to co-construct knowledge for change. This conference aims to provide a space for scholars from all disciplines to share how they have harnessed the transformational potential of CBR to develop more equitable structures and systems to meet the demands of a sustainable future. Papers will be grouped along four main themes:

- The principles and practice of CBR in multi-disciplinary contexts
- The potential of CBR to bring about positive change
- The politics of CBR within higher education
- The potential pitfalls and ethical dilemmas of CBR

– or any other relevant aspect of CBR across the disciplines (e.g. education, environmental sciences, urban planning, health and wellbeing, social sciences, agriculture and natural sciences, engineering etc.)

Keynote provocations by international leaders in CBR

Round-table discussions for maximum participation

Capacity building workshops pre and post conference

