

Our mission

The Trent Centre for Community-Based Education (TCCBE) connects students and faculty with local organizations to create community-based research, service-learning and experiential education opportunities that enhance the social, environmental, cultural and economic health of our communities.

Other services

Resource library

Located at the TCCBE office, our library is the place to access hundreds of local research reports on a broad range of topics identified by community groups since the 1990's. We also have a selection of books and articles on community-based research, service-learning, community development and experiential education.

Networking

The TCCBE works with over 50 organizations in Peterborough City and County each year representing social, cultural, economic and environmental sectors. Contact us to learn more about what is happening in our community, how we can facilitate valuable connections and what kind of research project would work best for you.

Knowledge in Action Forum

An annual event that showcases dozens of community-based research projects conducted in Peterborough City and County. Held in the spring, the Forum is an exciting opportunity to learn about what kind of research is being done in the community and network with students, faculty, and local organizations.



Workshops and seminars

In addition to one-on-one consultations, our staff make presentations and facilitate workshops to support project participants and raise awareness about the work we do.

Past topics have included: philosophy and approaches to community-based research and service learning, building solid project proposals, preparing host organizations to work with students, multi-stakeholder project management and using project results for action and career-building.

Support our work

Support Education and Community Development in Peterborough City and County

TCCBE is a non-profit organization that welcomes financial contributions from the community.
For more information, please contact us.

Our background

The TCCBE was established in 1996 as a partnership between the Community Opportunity and Innovation Network (COIN), the Peterborough Social Planning Council and the Frost Centre at Trent University. In 2005, the TCCBE was incorporated as an independent not-for-profit corporation. The TCCBE facilitates educational and community development projects primarily in Peterborough City and County.

Our partners and supporters



We have worked closely with **Trent University** since 1996. This long-standing and fruitful relationship is recognized throughout the world as a pioneering model for community-academic work. Trent University is known for its interdisciplinary education and research, supportive community environment and emphasis on global perspectives.



The **U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research** was established in 1999 to deliver the Community-Based Education Program in Haliburton County. U-Links is a project of the **Haliburton County Community Cooperative (HCCC)**, a non-profit corporation formed by local citizens that is committed to undertaking and sponsoring entrepreneurial projects that support economic, cultural, social and environmental development in Haliburton County.

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The
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An independent facilitator of academic
and community-inspired projects

Community-Based Education Program

The Community-Based Education (CBE) Program is a unique opportunity to address current challenges in our community. Students are matched with local organizations to assist with research, planning and other community development projects for course credit. Projects are usually 50 to 220 hours per-student in length.



CBE project examples:

Impact assessments, waste audits, manual production, program evaluations, scientific studies, business and event planning, literature reviews, and development of marketing and promotional materials.

Community-Service Learning Program

The Community Service-Learning (CSL) Program allows students to get a small taste of volunteering and civic engagement by matching them with short-term projects proposed by local organizations. Students must complete a reflection assignment as part of the learning process. Projects are usually 10 to 20 hours per-student in length.

CSL project examples:

Event support, organic garden harvesting, preparing and serving community meals, tree-planting, food drive, animal care, literacy support, radio programming, and library support.

Strategic Research Initiative

The Strategic Research Initiative (SRI) addresses strategic, long-term community research needs related to issues such as poverty reduction, climate change or the aging workforce. Projects may involve many stakeholders, including faculty researchers at universities and colleges. Projects can differ greatly in length.

SRI project examples:

Understanding Peterborough's aging workforce, understanding barriers to immigrant integration.

Benefits of hosting a student

- Tap into the energy and expertise of University students in order to meet community-identified issues
- Develop community awareness among young citizens & future leaders; providing students with experiences outside the classroom
- Contribute to community development by identifying important issues and creating solutions
- Cultivate positive relationships; expanding the community pool of potential volunteers, donors, clients and qualified employees

Benefits of working with faculty and local organizations

- Build long-term relationships between individuals who have different types of knowledge
- Increase efficiency by sharing resources
- Grow the potential for deeper social, environmental, cultural and economic benefits
- Develop more involved opportunities for student learning and mentorship

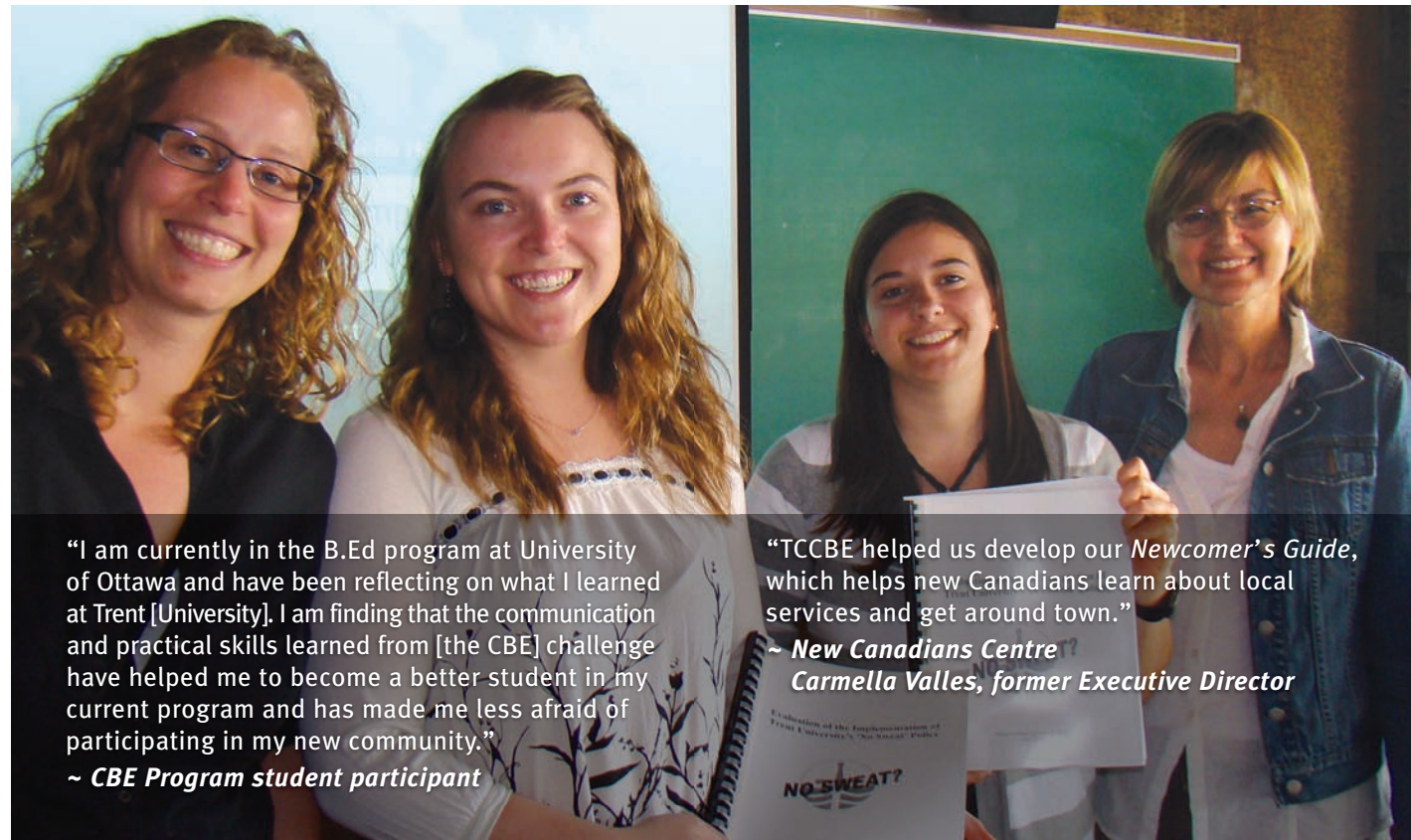
Tell us your project idea

Groups and organizations are invited to submit community-inspired proposals that outline research questions and/or describe a service project. For more information and a copy of our project proposal forms, please contact us.



What TCCBE can do for you

- Help define research questions or project ideas
- Promote projects to students and faculty
- Support proposal-writing and grant applications
- Coordinate and manage projects
- Encourage and support positive relationships between project stakeholders
- Enhance projects by linking with our broad community network
- Support project completion activities like sharing research results, publications and strategic planning



"I am currently in the B.Ed program at University of Ottawa and have been reflecting on what I learned at Trent [University]. I am finding that the communication and practical skills learned from [the CBE] challenge have helped me to become a better student in my current program and has made me less afraid of participating in my new community."

~ CBE Program student participant

"TCCBE helped us develop our *Newcomer's Guide*, which helps new Canadians learn about local services and get around town."

~ **New Canadians Centre**
Carmella Valles, former Executive Director

A collection of the publications of Trent University's "No Sweat" Policy

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