

Components of Community Based Research

1. The purpose of community-based research projects is to enhance our understanding of issues affecting the community and to develop, implement and evaluate, as appropriate, plans of action that will address those issues through the arts in ways that benefit the community.
2. Community-based research projects are designed in ways that enhance the capacity of the community-based participants in the process.
3. Representatives of community-based organizations, are involved as appropriate in all major phases of the research process, e.g., defining the need, developing the plan, gathering data, using the results, interpreting, sharing and disseminating the results, and developing, implementing and evaluating plans of action through the arts to address the issues identified by the research.
4. Community-based research is conducted in a way that strengthens collaboration among people and organizations.
5. Community-based research projects produce, interpret and disseminate the findings to community members in clear language respectful to the community and in ways that will be useful for developing plans that will benefit the community.
6. Community-based research projects are conducted according to the norms of partnership: mutual respect; recognition of the knowledge, expertise, and needs of the participants in the process; and open communication.
7. Community-based research projects must adhere to The Evergreen State College Human Subjects Review Process standards and procedures. If you are planning on using information directly from people or if you are recording them in some way for that study, you must complete this application (1 per group) with the collaboration of your faculty. Applications can be found outside of Amy Betz's office in the Dean's area, L2217