

McMaster University Office of Community Engagement
Community-Engaged Education Working Group
Priorities¹

This document provides a summary of possible priorities for the community-engaged education working group. These priorities were identified through consultations with community and campus partners as part of the development of a 5-year strategic plan for community engagement. The working group will review this list and determine which specific priorities to pursue moving forward.

- **Formalize the role of the group** to include goals, budget, and responsibility of members.
- **Continue to develop the community-engagement minor and foundations course**
- **Collect exemplars and sharing best practices** of community-engaged education through a series of case stories.
- **Support the ongoing development of Change Camp Hamilton** with a focus on integrating curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities and projects into a formal and coordinated approach to project and partnership identification.
- **Provide advice and feedback on the development of CityLAB Hamilton**
- **Develop a teaching and learning toolkit** that includes both administrative and educational tools to be used by faculty and staff across the university to inform the development and evaluation of curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular community-engaged education opportunities.
- **Inform the work of Office of Community Engagement (OCE) theme groups** by making connections to specific courses, events, and other education-related initiatives.
- **Use the OCE database to track community-engaged education projects**
- **Develop recognition mechanisms for students engaging in co-curricular and extra-curricular community activities**
- **Create opportunities for colleagues to share the outcomes of their work**, encouraging shared learning and networking (possibly building on the previous Idea Exchange model used by the Network for Community-Campus Partnerships).
- **Establish a central point of contact for community-engaged education** that focuses on sharing pathways to partnerships and improved information sharing.
- **Build capacity** for community engagement through obtaining seed funding to encourage and pilot interdisciplinary community-campus projects

The Office of Community Engagement will pursue these priorities by facilitating regular meetings of the working group and liaising with various campus units and community partners.

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