**Background**

Community engagement and social responsibility in higher education are emerging as new fields of professional competence internationally. Experiential Learning is one of the most important ways of learning any curriculum. Engaging with the community offers an opportunity to understand the real-life issues and to be able to resolve those issues with the subject expertise of that Higher Education Institution (HEI).

University Grants Commission (UGC) believes that this approach will also contribute to improvements in quality of both teaching and research in HEIs in India. However, for students to be trained in the community study, teachers need to convincingly motivate the students to do so. This in turn requires teachers themselves to be sensitive, motivated and be aware of techniques to identify real issues of the community.

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 has presented a transformative framework for higher education in the country. It has reinforced Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0 “Fostering Social Responsibility & Community Engagement in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)” (UGC 2020).

“The purpose of the education system is to develop good human being capable of rational thought and action, possessing compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper, and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values. It aims at producing engaged, productive, and contributing citizens for building an equitable, inclusive, and plural society as envisaged by our Constitution”.

**Rationale for Training of Master Trainers**

To build capacities of the teachers as Master Trainers in community based participatory research (CBPR) methodology at HEIs, who are responsible for teaching students a course on Social Responsibility and Community Engagement, UGC issued the guidelines vide letter of the Secretary UGC to all Vice-Chancellors dated December 29, 2021.

The proposed Faculty Development Program (FDP) provides a balanced insight into the theoretical understanding of CBPR methodology and a first-hand experience of engaging with rural/ peri-urban communities. At the completion of the training, the participants will be given certificate on ‘Master Trainers in Community Engagement & Community-based Participatory Research Methodology’.

**Methods**

Participants will learn and practice various CBPR methods such as Transect Walk, Social Mapping, Resource Mapping, Focus Group Discussion (FGDs), Oral History, Narrative Enquiry or Storytelling, Collage making, etc. during the training.
The 6-day (one week) residential training has been designed in the way that the participants experience a balanced mix of theory and field exposure. Participants will get a first-hand experience of practicing CBPR methods during the field visits.

**Learning Objectives**

1. Understand UGC framework of “Fostering Social Responsibility & Community Engagement in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)”.
2. Understand the principles & methodology of Community-based Participatory Research.
3. Strengthen competencies in use of various methods of CBPR through field practice.

**Participants**

The training can be attended by Faculty members (maximum 30) teaching the undergraduate and postgraduate students.

**Trainers and Facilitators**

The Programme shall be facilitated by a team of participatory Trainers led by Dr. Rajesh Tandon, President of PRIA, Co-chair of the UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, and UGC Expert on CBPR along with Dr. Binoy Acharya, UNNATI (Ahmedabad) and Shri Jagadananda, CYSD.

**Duration**

The Programme shall begin on 09th October @ 11.00 AM and is expected to be closed with lunch on 14th October 2023.

**Course/Training Fee**

The fee for the said FDP shall be Rs. 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand only). Each participant has to remit the course/training fee before submission of the filled-in Registration form to the FDP Convener. The account details are: “Account Holder Name: Head, Department of Environment Studies; Account No. 41075168847; Bank details: State Bank of India, Bhanja Bihar Branch, Berhampur University Campus; IFSC: SBIN0002107”. The duly filled-in registration form along with training fee remittance details (evidence is to be enclosed) shall have to sent to “Dr. B. Anjan Kumar Prusty, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Environmental Studies, Berhampur University, Berhampur – 760007, Odisha”, and a scan copy to bakp.evs@buodisha.edu.in”.

**Registration link:** [https://forms.gle/TXYaxZKdfC5oi5uY7](https://forms.gle/TXYaxZKdfC5oi5uY7)

**Certification**

Certificates will be issued subject to the participants qualifying the following conditions:

a) Minimum 75% attendance.

b) Minimum 50% marks in the exam conducted on last day of the programme.

**Organisers**

The Programme is being organised by Berhampur University in collaboration with UNESCO Chair/PRIA and CYSD. The Department of Environmental Studies at Berhampur University shall be the coordinating Department for the said FDP.

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name in full: Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. .................................................................
2. Designation: .................................................................
3. Organization/Institution: .................................................................
4. Address: .................................................................

Phone: ................................................................., E-mail: .................................................................

5. Details of Registration fee:

(copy of fee remittance shall have to be enclosed)

6. Place: ......................... Date: .........................

Signature

Forwarded by Head of the Department/Principal

I am hereby forwarding the application of Dr./Mr./Ms. .................................................................
to enrol in the FDP on “Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)”, during 09-14 October
2023, organized by Berhampur University (coordinated by the PG Dept. of Environmental Studies)
in collaboration with UNESCO Chair/PRIA and CYSD.

(Signature with Seal)

All the participants will have to make their own travel arrangements. The accommodation (twin sharing
basis) shall be provided in the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Berhampur University
upon request.