Sustaining Community-Campus Partnerships that Matter

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Community Engagement

- Collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.
- The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

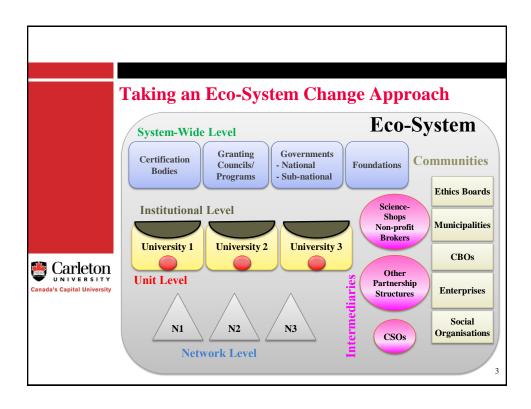
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Institution-Wide Policies and Systems in Universities

- Mission aligned with engagement agenda
- Meaningful involvement of community in strategic planning
- Effective tools to evaluate progress in engagement
- Infrastructure and student assessment methods to strengthen engaged learning and teaching
- Permanent core funding-operating budget, targeted donor funding, external grants

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Strategies to Reduce Barriers

- Continuous improvement through certification
- Authentic alignment of mission with CUE
- Promoting institutional culture change
- Building a resilient coalition for change
- Shaping system-wide public funding programs
- Alliances with like-minded private funders
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Resources

- Canadian Alliance for Community-Service Learning
- Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Community **Engagement Classification**
- Centre for Community-Based Research
- Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement
- Community-Based Research Canada
- Community Campus Partnerships for Health
- Engagement Scholarship Consortium
- Global Alliance for Community Engaged Scholarship
- Global University Network for Innovation http://www.guni-rmies.net/
- Institute for Community Engaged Scholarship, University of Guelph
- Living Knowledge Network
- National Coordinating Council for Public Engagement

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