

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
between
PRIA International Academy (PIA), New Delhi
and
Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ)

Whereas Dr Rajesh Tandon, President, PRIA International Academy and Prof. Budd Hall, University of Victoria, have been jointly holding UNESCO Chair since 2012. The objectives of **UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education** have been to work with other global networks to support capacity building in the fields of community based research and social responsibility in higher education through South-South and North-South-South partnerships. Over four years, the Chair has undertaken research, policy development and advocacy activities in more than 35 countries focused on strengthening networks, identifying lessons and continuing to build relationships amongst many important networks that are promoting Community-Based Research (CBR).

Given the importance of CBR, as a methodological tool and values based approach for helping the process of co-creation of knowledge and evidence from the Chair's previous research that there is a large appetite for training and learning around the world on how to do CBR, the Chair undertook a project titled 'Training the Next Generation of Community-Based Researchers (NextGen)' in 2015-16.

Whereas the NextGen project has created new interdisciplinary knowledge on pedagogies of learning and teaching participatory research methodologies. It analyses how the next generation of knowledge practitioners and researchers will gain access to the methods, tools and values of CBR in order to promote the use of research by community members and encourage the collaborative creation of knowledge democracy. It proposes workable strategies to strengthen existing training fieldwork, theoretical and curricular content on participatory research in higher education institutions and civil society organizations around the world. The current UNESCO chair has been renewed for another four years till 2020.

Whereas the UNESCO chair now proposes for creation of an International Consortium for Training in Community-Based Research (CBR) called the - **Knowledge for Change (K4C)**. The proposed **K4C Consortium**, over a five year period, is focused on the co-creation of knowledge and development of individual and institutional capacities at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for the solution of critical

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community issues within the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the global South and the excluded North. **K4C is a partnered training initiative**, which is based on a global standard of curriculum/pedagogy and competencies framework developed by the UNESCO Chair in CBR and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. The University of Victoria (UVic) and PRIA International Academy (PIA) will act as the joint central leadership of the K4C, while local/regional training hubs will be responsible for identifying experienced community-based researchers to be trained and certified as mentor-facilitators, adapting the global standards for CBR training according to their local needs, producing training materials in local languages, preparing a course, recruiting students and delivering training to students.

Whereas, Manipal University, Jaipur (MUJ) has a world class infrastructure; including state-of-the-art research facilities and modern library. The university uses the latest and innovative methods and technology to impart education. The multidisciplinary university offers career-oriented courses at all levels, i.e., UG, PG and Doctoral and across diverse streams, including Engineering, Architecture, Management, Communication, Basic Sciences and Social Sciences etc. MUJ is interested to be a part of the **K4C initiative for CBR**.

It is understood that PRIA International Academy (PIA), New Delhi, and Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ), Jaipur, Rajasthan to cooperate for establishing the first Training Hub in India in support of **K4C Consortium**. Both parties:

- Confirm their mutual interest and desire to formally participate in the local training hub in India, under K4C.
- Agree to enter the hub as co-partners with PIA under a formally established partnership and follow proposed goals, anticipated outcomes, methodology and the management structure.
- Acknowledge that the success of K4C is dependent upon mutual trust and agree to endeavor to work together in fulfilling the requirements of developing such a training Hub.
- Agree to undertake the following actions after grant approval:
 - a. Jointly develop programs that combine thematic content in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

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- b. Jointly develop courses for training of mentors and for the students for achieving the objectives of K4C.
 - c. Collaborate to deliver the above fee based course in online and face-to-face modes.
 - d. PIA to provide technical support to the Training Hub in curriculum adaptation based on the global standards.
 - e. PIA to support the Training Hub in monitoring learning outcomes.
 - f. The MUJ will enroll interested students from the university and the community and
 - g. Offer experiential, transformative training, linked to field opportunities and built in knowledge mobilization.
- PIA agrees to make the following available after approval of the grant:
 - a. Technical & financial support for mentors training and adaptation of curriculum and course planning.
 - b. Bursaries and travel support for students enrolled in the training programs & the course.
 - MUJ agrees to make the following available to the mentors and students:
 - a. Classrooms.
 - b. Computers and internet connection for students and mentors.
 - c. Access to library for students and mentors.
 - d. Administrative support.

The parties agree to partner together for the International Consortium for Training in Community-Based Research (CBR), **K4C** programme. The activities under the MOU shall be covered by agreement(s) with finer operating details.

The MOU is valid for a period of five years from the date of signing and may be extended/amended by mutual consent. It does not construed to be a legally/financially binding document on the parties.

Signed by the following authorized signatories

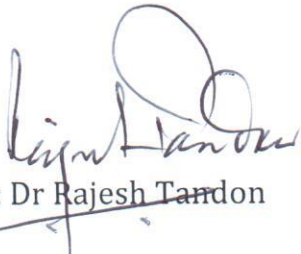
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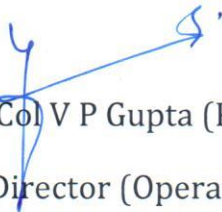
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