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Free Full-Day Workshop on Community-Based Research

Why does research matter? How do we create vibrant community-higher education partnerships that connect knowledge to action? The University of Victoria's Office of Community-Based Research, in collaboration with the Vancouver Island Community Research Alliance (VICRA) and North Island College, is hosting a workshop on May 20th at North Island College's Comox Valley campus to share new skills, tools and approaches for working with communities.

The workshop will include an overview of Community-Based Research (CBR) by Dr. John Belshaw, NIC's Associate Vice President, Education and Research, and a presentation on CBR for Indigenous Food Systems by Tom Child, Researcher with the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Indigenous Food Network. Afternoon activities will also include a community mapping presentation by UVic Geography and Common Ground Network cartographer Ken Josephson and a digital story-catching presentation by community developer Christopher Bowers. All presenters are members of VICRA, which includes the five public post-secondary institutions on the Island – University of Victoria, Vancouver Island University, North Island College, Camosun College and Royal Roads University.

For more information and to pre-register for the North Island College event (RSVP is necessary), please contact Penny Murray at ocbrreg@uvic.ca or 250-744-9304 by May 17th.

"The CBR Skills Building Spring 2010 Series" at NIC's Comox Valley campus
Thursday, May 20th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tyee Hall, Rooms 203 & 204
Admission is free and everyone is welcome.
Lunch is provided.

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