



Community Based Health Research: Giving Voice to Northern Women

Conference on **Community-based Research (CBR)
in Women's Health**

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Fit between women's health research & community-based action research

- Women's health research/feminist perspective well suited for community-based action research
- The transformative/activist nature of the women's movement and feminist approach to research...and to life...makes the link almost assumed



Community-based Action Research & Academia – Complementary or Contradictory?

- Experiences that lead me to CBR
- Strengths/contributions of Community
- Strengths/contributions of Academia



Some challenging areas.....

- determining what needs to be studied
- ethics processes
- funding – where is it housed and how is it accounted for?
- publication and data “control” issues
- increasing research capacity
- action, sustainability....
- and ???????



Some examples from Northern BC

- North of 65 Years...
- Women North Network...
- Voices of Women...
- Other examples ?????



A work in progress...

Will always be tension...but can be a good thing...challenges us to keep moving forward