Welcome to the
Art for Social Change Web!

We have created this website as a contribution to the large and fast-growing global community of artists whose work addresses issues of social/environmental justice and the wellbeing of communities through processes of community-based, collective artmaking. The videos explore what it means to work in diverse settings, often in partnership with local change organizations, by facilitating art creation that invites people to surface and explore what matters to them - a form of cultural democracy.

From 2013 to 2019, a large group of artists, scholars, NGOs and diverse community participants from across Canada explored the state of community-engaged art for social change during the six-year, national ASC! Research Project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and based at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Many wise and experienced artists, administrators, scholars, students and community activists participated in our internal and public processes and events. Their insights, questions, perspectives and discoveries have been culled and assembled from over 600 hours of video documentation.

This offering, designed to include information and resources for students as well as experienced practitioners, provides glimpses and recordings of exchanges that touch on key frames: facilitation skills, games and exercises, teaching and learning, working between cultures, questions about the practice and workshops. Many additional resources are available on the website of the International Centre of Art for Social Change. We encourage you to explore them at www.icasc.ca.

We thank all those who took part in our research and sector-building processes over these last six years. And we look forward to hearing from you!

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