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Building community-university partnerships on the Great Northern Peninsula

Through this presentation, we will introduce the Great Northern Peninsula Research Collective (GNP-RC), a community-academic partnership, and will reflect on the role of the network in creating durable research relationships that positively contribute to the local area. Established in 2019, the GNP-RC brings together community organizations and Memorial faculty, staff, and students to cocreate research projects which are geographically focused on the GNP, along the Gros Morne to St Anthony corridor. Thus far, projects have covered topics related to rural health access, food security, aging-in-place, economic innovation, and rural philanthropy, all of which have had a focus on how community-based social enterprise can support community development and resilience. Our work has involved a number of academic and non-academic grants and included in-person and hybrid engagement sessions. As we reflect on our experiences with the GNP-RC, we will comment on both our individual contributions and the wider lessons which can be learnt about effective and sustainable community-university research collaborations.