Connecting university resources to the needs of local governments and communities to improve the quality of life for all involved.
Access the excess human capital of universities to tackle the most pressing problems of your community.

- Increase capacity and expanded breadth of conversation
- Students presenting ideas is less threatening to constituents
- Hundreds of students can increase outreach efforts to the community
- Catalyze projects forward that may be stuck due to lack of resource, will, or skill
- Generate material for future grant submissions
- Bring a new energy to your community and improve staff moral
- Coordinated entry point to the university for all future projects
- Increase access to next generation of workforce and help train them for your future need

Gain real world experience by delivering radically useful ideas to surrounding communities.

- Efficient and economical community engagement model
- Meet the community where they want to be met
- Provide students real world experience, while decreasing administration time for faculty
- Support faculty without altering their core syllabus
- Platform for future research and outreach between public sector and faculty researchers
- Build partnerships with diverse stakeholders in the community
- Build internal relationships across departments through projects that overlap disciplines
- Improve university visibility
The EPIC-Network (Education Partnership for Innovation in Communities) connects the human capital of universities with the needs of local governments, and communities, to improve the quality of life and social wealth for all involved. EPIC-N is the nonprofit association of institutions that adopt the award-winning EPIC Model for university-community partnership.

The EPIC Model is radically simple. It works within administrative structures of universities and communities to achieve tremendous outcomes for all involved. It brings together the greatest resources in academia — professors, students, laboratories, research libraries, existing curriculum — and creatively draws them together to tackle the biggest challenges in local communities. The results are experienced immediately and with lasting and transformative effect: Solutions that might never be imagined through traditional structures, public goodwill toward the university, real-world learning for students, and meaningful change felt throughout the community.

By adopting the EPIC Model, colleges and universities around the world can become an active part in catalyzing real change in local communities, leading to high road practices making life richer and more sustainable for generations to come.

"Perhaps the most comprehensive effort by a university to infuse into its curricula sustainability and community outreach."

— New York Times
To date, there are 40+ active programs in the United States and abroad. To support and grow the network EPIC-N hosts regional conferences around the world with the help of organizations and leaders with similar missions. Although located across the globe, members connect in meaningful ways through EPIC-N programs and events.

Our programs improve the quality of life for all participants, universities, and communities involved, whether it reverberates economically, socially, or environmentally. To learn more visit our website.