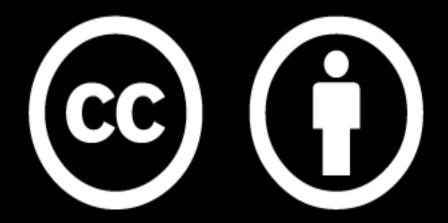




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OPEN EDUCATIONAL
RESOURCES AND
PRACTICES IN HIGHER
EDUCATION:
NAVIGATING
CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES



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Introduction

From Brazil

- PhD in Australia and lived there for 14 years
- Now in the UK



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Activity 1



Knowledge in OER

How would you rate your knowledge of OER?



Openness



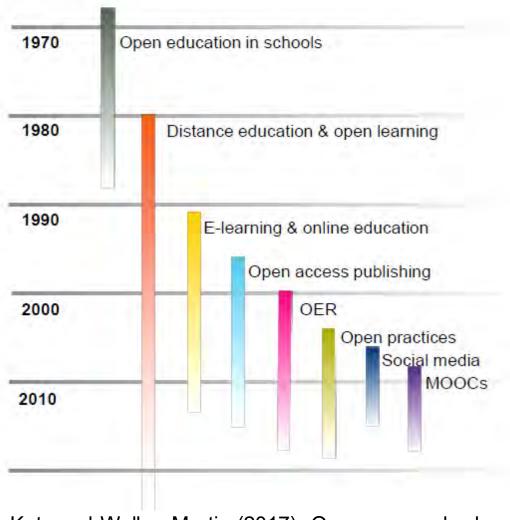
- sharing freely;
- preventing duplication;
- avoiding restrictive (copyright) practices;
- promoting economic efficiencies; and
- improving access to wide groups of stakeholders.



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Not a new concept





Jordan, Katy and Weller, Martin (2017). Openness and education: a beginner's guide. Global OER Graduate Network. https://oro.open.ac.uk/53028/1/openreclaim-171102172851.pdf

Activity 2



What does the term
What does the your
mean to your

Definitions



There is a diverse range of opinion on the specific requirements of what constitutes an open education resource.

The word "open" can have different meanings in different contexts and in practice it is a continuous (not binary) construct.

In nurturing the development of a sustainable open education ecosystem, there is growing consensus that a definition of OER ideally needs to incorporate three interrelated dimensions:

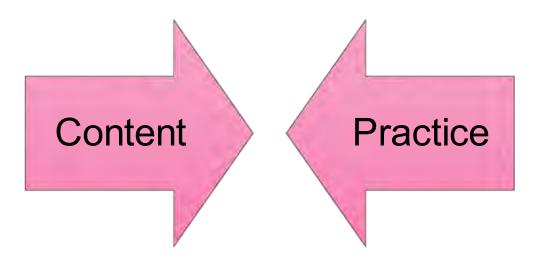
- Educational values: OER should be free;
- Pedagogical utility: OER should embed the permissions of the 4Rs (reuse, revise, remix and redistribute); and
- Technology enablers: Technology and media choices should not restrict the permissions of the 4R framework.



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Open Educational Practices





Three important dimensions of OEP

- An engagement with all of the stakeholders in the OER process (authors, users, managers and policy makers).
- Ensuring that there is support to guide creation and use of OER, and technologies to assist storage and dissemination.
- An understanding of the context in which OER are used

Open Educational Practices



How do we make content available?



How do we create an environment in which OER are created and used?

How can resources be made available?



How are OER best used in an educational context?

How do we open up content to be used for education?



How do we create a curriculum where resources are not the sole focus?



Activity 3



Have you adopted any concepts of OEP in your practice?





Benefits

- Pedagogical innovation
- Collaboration between teachers and students
- Professional development
- Increased access to information

Challenges





Find what you're looking for/need



Understand open licenses and Creative Commons



Fear of exposing content



Access to appropriate tecnologies



Lack of time due to workloads



Lack of rewards

How to overcome some of the challenges

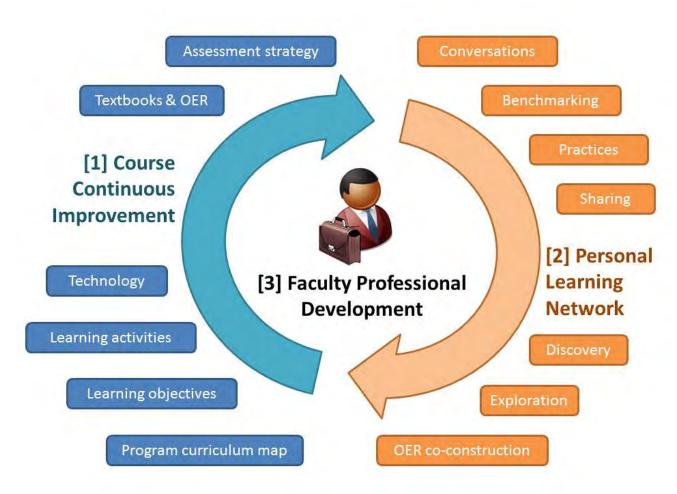


- Create opportunities for capacity building
- Offer support
- Develop institutional policies that recognise and reward OEP engagement
- Review existing ones
- Develop focused initiatives to create moment
- Start small

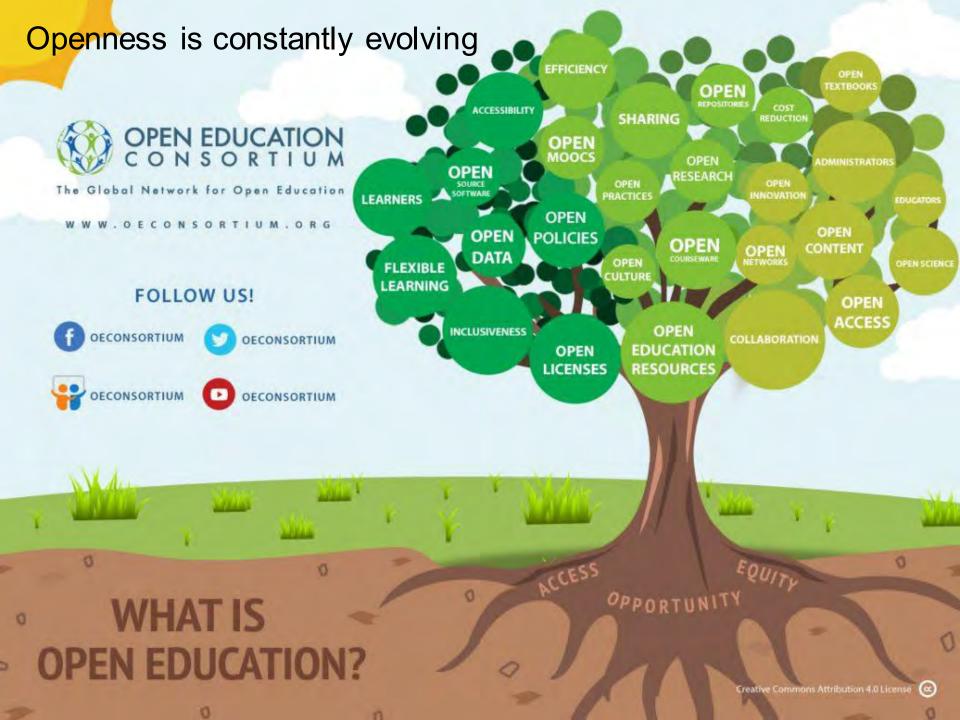


Capacity Building





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GO-GN EDI guidelines







Additional Resources



This is not an exhaustive list of OER resources, but below are some of the resources that I mentioned in my talk.

- Open Access Publisher <u>Ubiquity Press</u>
- Guidelines on how to Create Open Textbooks <u>BCcampus</u>
- Author and Publish OER (including textbooks) <u>University of Washington</u> <u>Libraries</u>
- Free course in <u>Open Education in Open Learn</u>
- OER Capability Toolkit A Book created by RMIT Librarians, Australia.
- International Organisations that research and publish about OER
 - Commonwealth of Learning
 - Open Education Global
 - UNESCO OER
- A book on the OER Fellowship in a South African university, about <u>Contextualising OEP</u>, which includes 3 examples of OER co-creation



Questions?

Thanks!

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