

# What is Open Education?

A Round Table Discussion

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Open education is a collective term to describe institutional practices and programmatic initiatives that broaden access to the learning and training traditionally offered through formal education systems.

The qualifier "open" of open education refers to the elimination of barriers that can preclude both opportunities and recognition for participation in institution-based learning. One aspect of openness in or "opening up" education is the development and adoption of open educational resources.

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open\\_education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_education)

Open education encompasses resources, tools and practices that employ a framework of open sharing to improve educational access and effectiveness worldwide.

Open Education combines the traditions of knowledge sharing and creation with 21st century technology to create a vast pool of openly shared educational resources, while harnessing today's collaborative spirit to develop educational approaches that are more responsive to learner's needs.

- <http://www.oeconsortium.org/about-oe/>

Open education is a philosophy about how people share and build upon knowledge.

Access to education should be available to everyone, anywhere and at anytime

Information and knowledge can now be shared with anyone, any time, anywhere in the world, but there are barriers to sharing educational resources.

Practitioners and advocates of open education work to eliminate barriers that prevent access and sharing.

- <http://opensource.com/resources/what-open-education>

## What are OER?

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. - <http://www.hewlett.org/programs/education-program/open-educational-resources>

## Why Open Matters

- Open allows access and legal permissions to reuse, adapt and share materials and information to personalize learning
- Educational materials are available, accessible, modifiable and free
- Encourages others to build upon what exists, to question, learn, and develop new ideas

## Open Pedagogy

*Teaching practices that are only possible in the context of open.*

David Wiley - <http://opencontent.org/blog/archives/2975>

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