Sharing our Common Wealth

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To help Commonwealth governments and institutions use various technologies to improve and expand education, training and learning in support of development
The Commonwealth
Open Educational Resources

Seeking worldwide commitment
UNESCO-COL Memorandum of Understanding

Federico Mayor
Director General,
UNESCO (1987-1999)

Gajaraj Dhanarajan
President, COL (1995-2004)
UNESCO-COL Resources

A Basic Guide to Open Educational Resources (OER)

Guidelines for Open Educational Resources (OER) in Higher Education
Towards a Knowledge Commons

To promote the well-being of humanity
Science, Technology and Mathematics Programme 2000+ (STAMP 2000+)

All STAMP 2000+ modules available for download here (85MB) or at www.col.org/stamp

General Education

General Education Modules available for download here (13MB)

- Module 1: Multigrade Teaching: Introduction to Multigrade Teaching
- Module 2: Multigrade Teaching: Classroom Organisation and Management
- Module 3: The Reading Process
- Module 4: Developing Reading Skills
- Module 5: Special Educational Needs: An Introduction to Teaching Traumatised Children
- Module 6: Special Educational Needs: A Practical Guide to Teaching Traumatised Children
- Module 7: Education Management Development: Part A
- Module 8: Education Management Development: Part B
- Module 9: Child Development
- Module 10: Concepts of Learning
- Module 11: An Introduction to Concepts in Language and Communication
- Module 12: Language and Communication: Language in Use
- Module 13: Curriculum Theory, Design and Assessment
- Module 14: Curriculum Practice
- Module 15: A Theoretical Framework on Innovations in Education
- Module 16: Effects of Social Changes on Education
- Module 17: Comparative Education: Introduction to Key Concepts in Comparative Education
COL OER Policy

Knowledge is the common wealth of humankind
Collaborative Development of Learning Materials

COL & Hewlett Foundation

20 sets of self-instructional materials in the senior secondary curriculum

(each is a complete syllabus for one grade 10 or 12 subject)
The Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Learning
“...any learner anywhere in the Commonwealth shall be able to study any distance teaching programme available from any bona fide college or university in the Commonwealth”.

From the Briggs Report, 1987:

‘Towards a Commonwealth of Learning’
Encourage the production, adaptation, and re-use of Open Educational Resources
People’s Movement

*People have a say in the development of these ideas and meanings because they are able to participate in their creation, growth, and spread.*
the network society.... is a major source of the structuration of power relationships.

- Manuel Castells
Can Open Educational Resources thrive in closed educational settings?

WHAT IS THIS OER?
Reaching the fundamental players: OER for whom?

- **Teachers and students** in remote/marginalised communities
- How can they become partners in the OER movement?
- What advocacy strategies will be needed to do that?
From consumers to producers of knowledge

- Industrialised countries → developing countries
- Dominant languages → indigenous languages
- Teachers → students

How can this flow become multi-directional?
Tapping Tacit knowledge
THANK YOU

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