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Award of Excellence for Distance Education Materials Category B

The Award of Excellence for Distance Education Materials, Category B, is to honour the achievements of colleagues in the Commonwealth who have designed and developed exemplary distance learning materials which are delivered electronically.

The OpenLearn Website of the Open University, UK is the unanimous winner for this category based on its “Educational Value” and “Learning for Development Value”.

The OpenLearn Website is one of the most significant contributions to the evolving world of Open Education Resources – the project

is a benchmark for the design of asynchronous learning materials. The breadth and scope of the collection of OpenLearn materials is impressive and the Open University has successfully implemented a number of robust and scalable technological innovations. Deserving particular mention is the excellent and creative support of RSS syndication, which puts this project at the forefront of work in this field. Above all, the OpenLearn Website is not just a repository of materials but a platform for collaborative content development and re-contextualisation, thus widening access to high quality learning resources around the world.