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Overview of national OERs from UK integrated in the EU-StORe database – part II

Jorum – largest repository in UK

OpenLearn as reported by Tina Wilson, Open University, UK
"Challenges and Opportunities with Open Education Resources"

- The UK Open University has been developing high quality distance learning materials for 40 years,

- 'The philosophy of Open Content is entirely commensurate with The Open University's mission to equalise access to high quality educational opportunities … particularly among educationally marginalised groups'.

OpenLearn from Open University"

- There have been over 35.5 million visitors since launch in 2006 from 196 countries

- There is around 8,000 hours of study materials in 12 subject areas

- Content includes: 800 study units, plus educational interactives, topical videos, academic blogs, direct access to OU podcasts and opportunities to order free printed materials

(http://www.open.ac.uk/about/open-educational-resources/).

OpenLearn joined iTunes 2008

- The OU is the first university in Europe to reach more than one million subscriptions through the iTunes app. and over 50m international downloads.

- There have been over 54.6m downloads by c.6.7m unique visitors;

- Over 1m subscriptions to OU content via the iTunes app;

- 392 collections containing 3,103 tracks;

- 422 eBooks representing over 5,000 hours of study;

- 52 courses on the iTunes app; and

- 70% of visitors now download straight to mobile devices.

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OpenLearn – Opportunities for EuStore team?

OpenLearn (OU) are looking for proposals which:
- Are intellectually challenging and focus on priority subject areas.
- Explore new ways of delivering content and interactivity for the audience, via mobile, online and on demand services.
- Stimulate 'local' audiences and provide outreach in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and English Regions.
- Connect to the OU's teaching and provide material for modules.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/commissioning/tv/articles/open-university

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Nr.	Organizations who offer OER	Country	Curriculum (what kind)	Learning outcomes	licence	Where to find (URL)
1	Open University	UK	*Entire range	Whole range from level 2 to level 7	Creative Commons (CC)	http://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses
2	Jorum	UK	FE & HE sector	For Higher and Further education	CC	http://www.jorum.ac.uk/
3	UNESCO UK	UK	OER publications	Global input		http://www.unesco.org.uk/open_educational_resources_%28oer%29
4	Wales Universities consortium	UK	Non traditional learners to enter higher education	Whole range from Anatomy to Community Journalism	CC	http://www.oerwales.ac.uk/
5	London School of Economics (LSE)	UK	Economics, Politics, Digital Communication, Finance	Level 5 to 7 Higher education	CC	http://lti.lse.ac.uk/digital-and-information-literacy/OERs.php

Chances and challenges concerning the use of the database within the UK context

Chances
- The UK has some of the largest OER projects in the world, including Open University's 'Open Learn'

- The UK also has an extensive commercial educational publishing sector
- Along with the US and Canada, the UK is a large exporter of e-learning services (UNESCO Report)

Challenges envisaged (due to cuts in higher education (HE) funding in UK)
- Collaborative working practices to
    increase user friendliness (learner / student expectations rising)
    increase willingness (from creators and learners) to take part in the database