Practising Open Education

Focus Group Questions

Introduction

1. Could you tell us who you are and what you consider your most valuable learning resource?

2. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of 'open educational resources'?

Key questions

3. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development defined Open Educational Resources as follows:

'…digitised materials offered freely and openly for educators, students and self-learners to use and reuse for teaching learning and research.'

Can you tell us about any OERS you have produced?

4. Can you tell us about any OERs you have used or re-used?

5. What are the benefits to getting involved in this?

- To the institution?
- To the department?
- To the teaching staff?
- To the students?
- To the discipline?
- Other?

6. What are the barriers to getting involved in this?

7. If were given funds to help develop OER practice in your department how would you choose to spend it?

8. Of all the aspects of open educational resources we discussed, which one is the most important to you?

Summary (Facilitator) – a short oral summary of discussion evoked by the key questions

9. How well does that sum up what was said here?

10. Have we missed anything out? Is there anything we should have talked about but haven't?