

Information Literacy Open Educational Resources: *sharing best practice in the global context*

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Definition of Open Educational Resources

- **UNESCO definition:**
Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning or research materials that are in the public domain or released with an intellectual property license that allows for free use, adaptation, and distribution.



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Project team and background

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 - Subject Librarian at University of Birmingham
 - Previous IL RLO projects include BRUM, CaRILLO and DELILA
- Irmgarda Kasinskaite-Buddeberg
 - Programme specialist (Communication and Information Sector) at UNESCO
- Background
 - Previous projects and events highlighted a demand for librarians to share information literacy (IL) open educational resources (OER)
 - Existing platforms were not quite the right “fit” (too local, only basic metadata etc.)
 - Project team worked together on DELILA and wanted to follow up



Previous projects: BRUM & CaRILLO

BRUM

- Created 15 RLOs for information literacy for academics to use
- Various formats and topics
- Available [online](#)

CaRILLO

- One day event for librarians creating and sharing teaching material
- Highlighted demand for a 'one stop shop' of IL material to share
- Created a [wiki](#)

Previous projects: DELILA

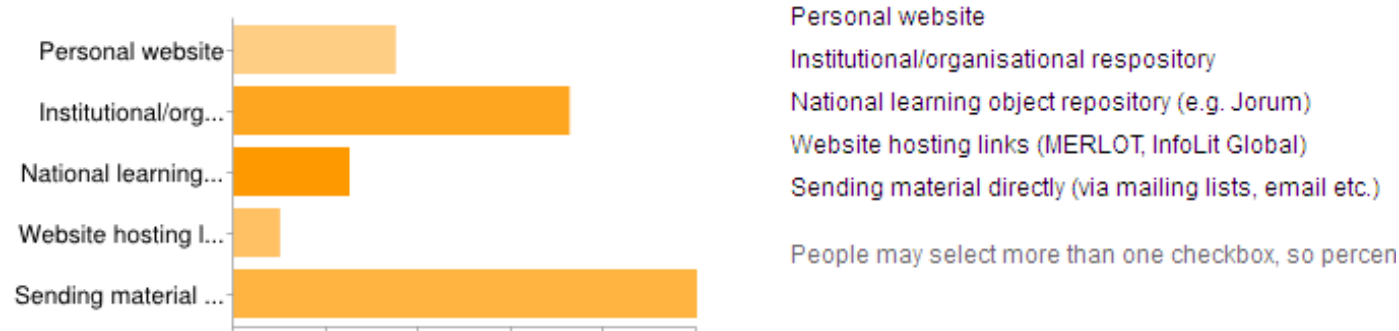
- Developing Educators Learning and Information Literacies for Accreditation
- Cross institutional project to adapt existing digital and information literacy teaching material to be OER
- Improved institutional repositories hosted material
- Encouraged academics to share
- Highlighted a range of challenges when sharing IL resources as OER
- Project website: <http://delilaopen.wordpress.com/>

Survey

- To gather information about librarians' sharing of IL teaching material
- Launched in April 2012 for one month
- 101 responses from UK, Europe, US and beyond
- Early findings indicate lots of closed/direct sharing but less in open repositories
- Willingness to share openly but don't know where to start
- Available at <http://delilaopen.wordpress.com/il-oer-survey/>

Survey findings

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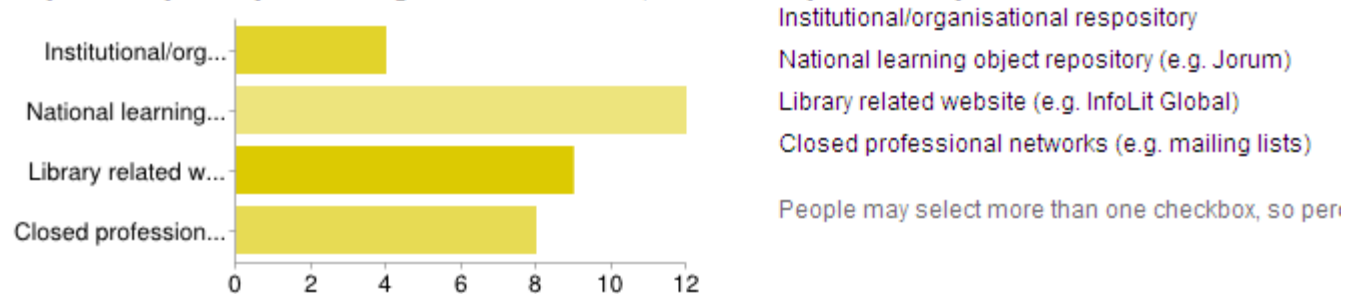
- Personal website
 - Institutional/organisational repository
 - National learning object repository (e.g. Jorum)
 - Website hosting links (MERLOT, InfoLit Global)
 - Sending material directly (via mailing lists, email etc.)
- People may select more than one checkbox, so percen

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- Don't know how/where to upload material
 - My institution/organisation won't let me due to copyright restrictions
 - Unsure about IPR/copyright - can I share my stuff?
 - I don't want anyone else seeing/using my work
- People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add

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- Institutional/organisational repository
 - National learning object repository (e.g. Jorum)
 - Library related website (e.g. InfoLit Global)
 - Closed professional networks (e.g. mailing lists)
- People may select more than one checkbox, so per

Our project aims

- Develop a site for librarians to share material, to host links and to find help when creating material
- We are starting with UK resources but aim to recruit partners globally – don't want to reinvent the wheel!
- Want to raise awareness of OER and Creative Commons amongst librarians
- Librarians well placed to be advocates of OER
- To include lesson plans and “how to use” guides
- Capacity building through partners such as UNESCO and IFLA

Community of practice

- JISC Good Intentions report (2008) highlights importance of CoP – same curricula encourages sharing
- Librarians in UK with interest in IL have LILAC and CSG-Information Literacy Group
- Other existing groups in US, Ireland etc.
- Used LILAC network to build global capacity / North - South partnerships
- Looking to use IFLA and UNESCO groups to build on to help LDCs

Challenges & next steps

- IPR issues - particularly screenshots and logos
- Institutional nature of IL material – too specific?
- Need to learning designs rather than PowerPoints
- Need for good quality metadata and agreed vocabulary to ‘tag’ IL resources
- Keeping resources up to date
- Report of survey findings
- Build on technical expertise
- Recruit more advocates
- Develop annual timetable of activities/events
 - Kick off meeting in the UK
- Explore role of peer reviewers/editorial boards
 - Devised evaluation criteria as part of DELILA