EMPOWERED OER

About

ABOUT EMPOWERED OER

Figuring out how to create open educational resources (OER) that are inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible (IDEA) can feel like an overwhelmingly confusing and complicated task – especially with an abundance of disparate resources, toolkits, and frameworks to apply. EmpoweredOER is here to help you wade through that abundant sea to find a set of tools, concrete examples and guides curated to the Australian context.

You'll find many rabbit holes to wander down along the way, if you want to, but you will also be guided through a more direct path to creating OER with IDEA principles and practices front of mind.

ABOUT ASH

Librarian, Open Education Enthusiast (OEE)

Ash Barber is an Academic Librarian at the University of South Australia. She provides teaching and research support to staff and students with a keen focus on the promotion and integration of open educational practices and development of open educational resources. Ash's pronouns are she/her and she warmly embraces her LGBTQIA+ community 🌈

She is driven by lifelong learning (AKA insatiable curiosity) and empowering others through equitable access to information. Ash Co-Convenes the ASCILITE Australasian Open Educational Practice Special Interest Group (OEP SIG), is on the Open Education Conference Board of Directors, is a member of the CAUL OER Collective Champions, and was awarded a Libraries of the Australian Technology Network (LATN) Fellowship for her project exploring practical inclusive solutions in OER.

EmpoweredOER is a curation of her learnings from the Fellowship trip to North America where she explored how OER can redress issues of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in traditional textbooks.

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LATEST SPEAKING

[ALIA National Conference (2024)](#)
Daring Open: Maturing the OER Movement in Australasia

More Speaking

[ASCILITE Conference (2023)](#)
Dismantling the education exclusion zone: Empowering OER authors towards inclusive design

[Fellowship Presentation (2023)](#)
Demystifying inclusive OER: Practical guidance for finding and creating equitable OER

[Open Access Week (2022)](#)
LATN Fellowship: Exploring Inclusive Solutions in OER

LATEST WRITING

[Open Education Down UndOER: Australasian Case Studies](#) (forthcoming, Nov 2024)
Editor and case study author.

More Writing

[ASCILITE Conference (2023)](#)
Dismantling the education exclusion zone: Empowering OER authors towards inclusive design

[Open Climate Resources for Teachers (2023)](#)
A guide to resources on climate science and climate justice hacked together by several contributors in an exercise of collective librarianship

[CAUL Digital Dexterity Blog Post (2023)](#)
Lost in the Open Sea: Practical guidance for finding and creating inclusive OER

[Australasian OEP Digest](#)
Monthly roundup of webinars, learning opportunities, latest OER, and other research and practice activities, curated by the OEP SIG

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