

## Open Educational Resources infoKit

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### Business cases and benefits from Pilot Programme

Excerpt from OER Synthesis and Support Team Interim report (2009)

"Asked to identify potential benefits of participation in the pilot programme, and of OER release in general, projects suggested the following:

Learners can benefit from:

- enhanced quality and flexibility of resources
- seeing/applying knowledge in a wider context than their course would otherwise allow, e.g. international dimension
- freedom of access (e.g. at work/home/on placement) and enhanced opportunities for learning (cf the Capetown Declaration)
- support for learner-centred, self-directed, peer-to-peer and social/informal learning approaches
- skills development (e.g. numeracy) through release of generic OERs that can be re-used and recontextualised in different subject areas
- the opportunity to test out course materials before enrolling – and compare with other similar courses.

The OER originator can benefit from:

- student/user feedback and open peer review
- reputational benefits, recognition
- benefits (efficiency and cultural) of collaborative approaches to teaching/learning.

Other staff users can benefit from:

- availability of quality peer reviewed material to enhance their curriculum
- collaborative approaches to teaching/learning (CoPs)
- professional/peer-to-peer learning about the processes of OER release.

Institutions can benefit from:

- recognition and enhanced reputation
- wider availability of their academic content and focus on the learning experience
- ? capacity to support greater numbers of students ?
- efficiencies in content production
- new partnerships/linkages with other institutions
- increased sharing of ideas and practice within the institution, including greater role for support services
- a buffer against the decline of specific subjects or topics (which may not be sustainable at institutional level but can be sustained across several institutions through shared resources).

Employers can benefit from:

- access to repurposable content
- new potential partnerships with content providers
- upskilling



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