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**OERs @ the UofA:
Challenges, responses
& lessons learnt**

OER Collective Library Staff CoP

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University of Adelaide Library OER support Teams and staff

The Library's **Learning Support Team:**

- 1 Manager + 4 staff FTE
Learning & teaching support

Open Textbook Coordinator

- 0.4 FTE
Open Textbook Pilot

Coordinator Copyright & Licensing



2022 – Initial lessons learnt

1. Importance of initial meetings with Academics, to discuss/assess their proposal before committing to proceed with an OER project
2. Delegation of responsibilities needs to be clearly articulated
3. Identifying non-negotiables - e.g. copyright due diligence
4. Deadlines and milestones should be identified
5. Didn't fully appreciate that the Library is the publisher, in that we provide final publishing approval
6. Support we were able to provide probably not sufficient



Publish open resources

Do you want to contribute to open educational practice by publishing your own open textbook? Or perhaps you'd like to adapt an existing open textbook to make it more relevant to your students?



The Library can facilitate academic authors wanting to publish an open textbook on the [Pressbooks](#) platform.

We will only facilitate open textbook publishing for resources being created for use in a current, or future, University of Adelaide course. Priority will be given to proposed projects intended to replace current textbooks that are expensive or restrictive for students to access.

As a member of the [Open Educational Resources \(OER\) Collective](#), facilitated by the [Council of Australian University Librarians](#), we can provide:

- Access to two [Pressbooks](#) spots per year for University of Adelaide academic authors to publish an open textbook.
- Access to the [OER Collective Grants program](#).
- Access to the [OER Collective community of practice](#) for academic authors.

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What the Library will do to support academic authors



What academic authors will do



2023 - Open Textbook Pilot key objectives

1. Targeted textbook replacement
2. OER Community of Practice
3. Stakeholder partnership
4. Advocacy
5. Publishing
6. Student engagement



2023 – Advice based on our experience

1. Consider your approach to sourcing OER projects
2. Awareness of limitations in staffing and resourcing
3. Seek like-minded people, champions, enablers, facilitators and advocates
4. Nothing wrong with a repetitive message
5. You can't short-cut the process
6. Advice, recommendations and discussion in the CAUL OER Collective events is invaluable



Questions?

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