We're turning the digital *divide* into digital *dividends* using **free content** and **open networks**. We hope you can help us.

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The purpose of WikiEducator

The WikiEducator is an evolving community intended for the collaborative:

- **planning** of education projects linked with the development of <u>free content</u>;
- **development** of free content on <u>Wikieducator</u> for e-learning;
- work on building **open education resources** (OERs) on **how** to create OERs.
- networking on <u>funding proposals</u> developed as free content.

Our community values...

We believe:

- In the **social inclusion** and participation of all people in our networked society (Access to <u>ICTs</u> is a fundamental right of knowledge citizens not an excuse for using old technologies).
- In the **freedoms** of all educators to teach with the technologies and contents of their choice, hence our commitment to Free/Libre and Open Source technology tools and free content.
- That educational content is unique and by working together we can improve the technologies we use as well as the <u>reusability</u> of digital learning resources.

In the news

<u>WikiPasifika videos</u> now available for you to meet your <u>WikiNeighbours</u> and <u>WikiAmbassadors</u> from the Pacific region.

- <u>Slideshow</u> by <u>Wayne Mackintosh</u> providing an overview of the WikiEducator project now available.
- More than 60 participants join the <u>WikiPasifika Online</u> training workshop which commenced on Tuesday, 9 October, 2007.
- Two keynote addresses were delivered by <u>WikiAmbassadors</u>, <u>Wayne Mackintosh</u> and <u>Kim Tucker</u> at the DEASA Regional Conference and Workshop in Swaziland. Sept, 14, 2007.
- Eloquence announces the testing phase of <u>LiquidThreads</u> which will enable threaded discussions on our talk pages. This project was co-funded by <u>COL</u> and <u>Wikia</u>. Sept 6, 2007.
- WikiEducator is featured in the Otago Daily Times. Polytech backs online education plan. August 20, 2007

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 In a forward-looking disposition working together to find appropriate and sustainable solutions for e-learning futures.

Wiki Pacifika is launched by educators from nine Pacific island states to promote free content development in the region as part of the FLOSS4Edu project. 13 – 15 August 2007.

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We need your help

We need help from educators, and learning designers to assist with the development of the curriculum. A draft based on the workshop in June is in preparation.

We are looking for help from:

- Technically savvy WikiEducator's to convert the draft curriculum into wiki format (perhaps using the online html2wiki converter
- *Instructional designers* to validate and improve the quality of the learning activities:
- *Editors* to ensure that the tutorials communicate effectively;
- *Prospective learners* who can provide feedback on the materials;
- *Wiki users* who can validate the accuracy and quality of the tutorial material.

We will also be grateful for any relevant

- References
- Links
- etc.

Technical Help:

• See WikiEducator Technical Help

Contact us!

• You're invited to visit our <u>various venues for discussion</u> should you have any questions thoughts or ideas you would like to raise about WikiEducator.

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WikiEducator is a community resource supported by the $\underline{\text{Commonwealth of Learning}}$ ($\underline{\text{COL}}$) for the development of free educational content.

COL is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Government to encourage the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.

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