

To Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu partners

Invitation to attend the 2nd meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers

The OER universitas (OERu) network is an international consortium of like-minded institutions from five continents who through their community service agendas are widening access to more affordable education opportunities for learners excluded from the formal sector using open education approaches.

In support of the OERu international network, the Board of the OER Foundation established the *OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers* in 2013 which functions as an assembly of senior leaders called together for consultation, deliberation and discussion on strategic OERu futures.

I'm writing today to extend a formal invitation to the Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers (or senior nominees) of the OERu anchor partners to attend the **2nd meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers** to be hosted by the University of Wollongong at our Sydney Business School on the morning of 10 November 2014. The Sydney CBD Campus is a five minute walk from Opera House and is directly across the road from Circular Quay train Station. During the meeting, we will:

- Consider progress of the OERu partnership
- Review the OERu three-year strategic plan and calibrate outcomes
- Discuss emerging business models arising from the OERu partnership for generating new business for our respective institutions

The meeting of OERu Chief Executives is one of a number of events scheduled to take place in Australia including: the Australian National Symposium on Open Education and the 3rd meeting of OERu partners to be hosted by the University of Tasmania in Hobart. Details relating to these events are provided in Annex B.

Please RSVP by completing the online registration form (<http://goo.gl/TN1fs6>) by 31 July 2014 or sending a direct email to Sarah Lambert, Manager (slambert@uow.edu.au), Open Education at the University of Wollongong or Wayne Mackintosh (wayne@oerfoundation.org), Director of the OER Foundation and UNESCO-COL Chair in OER. Please note that space is limited and seats will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis for one representative from each OERu partner.

I look forward to welcoming you personally to Australia and sharing our collective wisdom for more sustainable education futures.



Professor Eeva Leinonen
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)
Host of the 2nd Meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers

The OERu is an international innovation partnership of universities, polytechnics, community colleges and non-teaching agencies who are widening access to more affordable education opportunities for all students worldwide using open education approaches. The OERu is also an official project of the UNESCO-COL OER chair network. The OERu philanthropic network draws its strength from our international diversity with thirty one partner institutions from five continents.

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1. OERu 14.09 Planning consultation (Online SCOPE planning seminar)	
When	September (Dates to be confirmed)
Where	Online
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners
Purpose	Discussions to inform the agenda and prepare inputs for the 3rd international meeting of OERu partners.
Hosts	BCcampus, OER Foundation and Australian OERu partners

2. Australian National Symposium on Open Education	
When	4 and 5 November 2014 (5 Nov – free afternoon and evening network drinks with OERu partners)
Where	University of Tasmania, Hobart
Who	Australian institutions and international OERu partners joining the symposium.
Purpose	Exploring opportunities for main streaming open education practices in Australia.
Host	Prof David Sadler, Dr Carina Bossu and University of Tasmania

3. OERu 14.11 International meeting of OERu partners	
When	6 and 7 November 2014 (All day meetings)
Where	University of Tasmania, Hobart.
Who	Staff and managers from OERu partner institutions
Purpose	3 rd meeting of OERu partners to discuss OERu strategy, progress and future operations.
Hosts	University of Tasmania and Australian OER partners.

4. 2nd meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers	
When	10 November 2014 (10:00am to 2:00pm)
Where	University of Wollongong, Business School, Circular Quay, Sydney.
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu anchor partners (or senior leader nominees).
Purpose	Review and calibrate the OERu 3-year strategic plan.
Host	Professor Eeva Leinonen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), University of Wollongong