

Invitation to attend the 6th International meeting of the OERu partners

August 10, 2017

Dear OERu Partners and Colleagues,

eCampusOntario is proud to host the [6th International Meeting of OERu Partners](#). Planning for this event is well underway and we extend an invitation to OERu partner representatives and observers from interested institutions to participate in this important meeting scheduled for 12 and 13 October 2017 in Toronto, Canada.

The purpose of the 6th meeting of OERu partners is to:

- Review progress with the implementation of the OERu Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017.
- Plan the implementation of the **OERu 1st year of study**
- Refine the process evaluation plan
- Consult on the development of the OERu Strategic Plan 2018 - 2020
- Determine operational priorities for 2018.

Details regarding venue, transport, accommodation and other items of interest are available on the meetings.oeru.org website. Please RSVP **before 8 September 2017** by registering directly online here: <https://oer.nz/1m>

The partner's meeting will be followed by the 5th Meeting of the Council of Chief Executive Officers on 16 October 2016. Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers will receive a separate letter of invitation.

If you require any further information or assistance regarding these two events please contact Lena Patterson (lpatterson@ecampusontario.ca) or Wayne Mackintosh (wayne@oerfoundation.org)

We are very excited to be hosting the international meeting of the OERu family in Toronto, which is the first time the network will be convening in Ontario. We look forward to welcoming you personally to our city and that you will be able to stay on a little longer to participate in the ICDE World Conference on Online learning the following week.

Sincerely,



David Porter

CEO
eCampusOntario

Annexure A

OERu International Partners (August 2017)



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 / ICDE OER chair network. The OERu philanthropic network draws its strength from our international diversity with partner institutions from five global regions.

Africa

- [University of South Africa](#) (South Africa)
- [National Open University of Nigeria](#) (Nigeria)
- [North-West University](#) (South Africa)

Europe

- [Institute of Technology Sligo](#) (Ireland)
- [The Open University](#) (United Kingdom)
- [University of South Wales](#) (United Kingdom)
- [University of the Highlands and Islands](#) (United Kingdom)

Middle East

- [Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University](#) (United Arab Emirates)

North America

- [Athabasca University](#) (Canada)
- [BCCampus](#) (Non teaching partner – Canada)
- [Contact North | Contact Nord](#) (Non teaching partner – Canada)
- [eCampusOntario](#) (Non teaching partner – Canada)
- [Kwantlen Polytechnic University](#) (Canada)
- [Thompson Rivers University](#) (Canada)
- [Thomas Edison State University](#) (USA)

Oceania

- [Ako Aotearoa](#) (Non teaching partner – New Zealand)
- [Charles Sturt University](#) (Australia)
- [Curtin University](#) (Australia)
- [NorthTec](#) (New Zealand)
- [OER Foundation](#) (Non teaching partner - New Zealand)
- [Otago Polytechnic](#) (New Zealand)
- [Swinburne University of Technology](#) (Australia)
- [University of Canberra](#) (Australia)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#) (Australia)
- [University of the South Pacific](#) (Regional University - 12 Pacific Island States)
- [University of Tasmania](#) (Australia)
- [University of Wollongong](#) (Australia)



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Annexure B

Schedule of OERu 2017 meetings and events



1. OERu Open planning consultation	
When	September 2017 (Dates to be confirmed)
Where	Online virtual meeting
Who	Open community, interested people and staff from OERu anchor partners
Purpose	Discussions to inform the meeting agenda and prepare inputs for the 6 th international meeting of OERu partners.
Host	OER Foundation

2. 6 th International meeting of OERu partners	
When	12 and 13 October 2017 (All day meetings)
Where	Chang School of Continuing Education, Ryerson University, Toronto
Who	Staff, Managers, Chief Executives from OERu partner institutions and observers
Purpose	To discuss strategy and implementation of the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	eCampusOntario
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/

4. 5th meeting of the OERu Council of Chief Executive Officers	
When	16 October 2017 (9:00am to 2:00pm)
Where	Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, ICDE World Conference on Online Learning
Who	Vice Chancellors, Presidents and Chief Executives of OERu partners (or senior leader nominees).
Purpose	Review outputs of the partners meeting and consider decisions for the OERu 1 st year of study.
Host	Contact North Contact Nord. Meeting facilitated by Alan Davis, President and Vice-Chancellor of Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Chair of Council.
Website	http://meetings.oeru.org/