



About

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ABOUT EMPOWERED OER

Figuring out how to create open educational resources (OER) that are inclusive, diverse, equitable and accessible (IDEA) can feel like a minefield waiting to trip you up at every turn. Moreover, if you turn to Google, you'll find yourself drowning in resources of varying degrees of quality, relevance and geographic suitability. EmpoweredOER is here to help you wade through that sea to find a set of resources curated to the Australian context.

You'll find many rabbit holes to wander down along the way, if you want to, but you will also be guided through a more direct path to creating OER with IDEA principles and practices front of mind.

ABOUT ASH

Ash is an Academic Librarian at the University of South Australia. She supports the teaching and research objectives of the University, with ardent involvement in open educational practices.

She is passionate about equity in lifelong learning and integrating emerging technologies into teaching and learning. Her experience working in copyright, acquisitions and licensing, online curriculum support, and library services, enables a holistic approach to open educational practices.

Ash Co-Convenes the ASCILITE Australasian Open Educational Practice Special Interest Group (OEP SIG), is a member of the CAUL Open Educational Resources Collective Champions and was awarded the 2022 Libraries of the Australian Technology Network (LATN) Fellowship for her project exploring practical inclusive solutions in OER.

EmpoweredOER is a curation of her learnings from the Fellowship trip to North America where she explored ways OER can redress issues of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in traditional textbooks.



SPEAKING

[Open Access Week 2022](#)

LATN Fellowship: Exploring Inclusive Solutions in OER

WRITING

[OEP Digest \(Monthly\)](#)

Co-Convenor (Digest): ASCILITE Australasian Open Educational Practice Special Interest Group (OEP SIG)

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