

Introduction

The Orbis Cascade Alliance Open Educational Resources (OER) Exploration Working Group of the Content Creation & Dissemination (CCD) Team invites members of Alliance libraries to participate in a short survey on open educational resource publishing activities and services at their institutions.

The purpose of this survey is to understand the various OER projects going on at Alliance institutions. We want to hear about your institution's experiences with OER.

The OER Exploration Working Group was charged to:

Explore possible Alliance role(s) in creation, discovery, and access to Open Educational Resources (OER)s, including e-textbooks. Create a report for CCD that succinctly defines OERs; the issues with their creation and management; locating quality OERs for educational use; and what role(s), if any, the Alliance might play. Closely coordinate with group associated with the Alliance Professional Development Award on OERs.

For the purpose of this survey, we want to specifically define the term OER because they are understood differently by the diverse communities and stakeholders involved. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines OER as "any type of educational materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license. The nature of these open materials means that anyone can legally and freely copy, use, adapt and re-share them." However, this definition is somewhat incomplete as OERs can also include software tools, digital collections and digital assets.

We hope that you will not hesitate to contact us at ccd-oer-expwg@orbiscascade.org if you have any questions about the survey or OER in general.

The results of the survey will inform a report that will be reviewed by CCD Team and be presented at a breakout session at the Alliance Summer meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and depending on CCD's recommendation possibly point to work in FY 17.

The survey is designed to be quick! It's multiple choice and should take 10 minutes to complete. You are the only individual at your library to receive this invitation. If you are not the primary contact for OER initiatives, please forward this message to the appropriate person, as we are looking for one response per institution.

Sincerely,

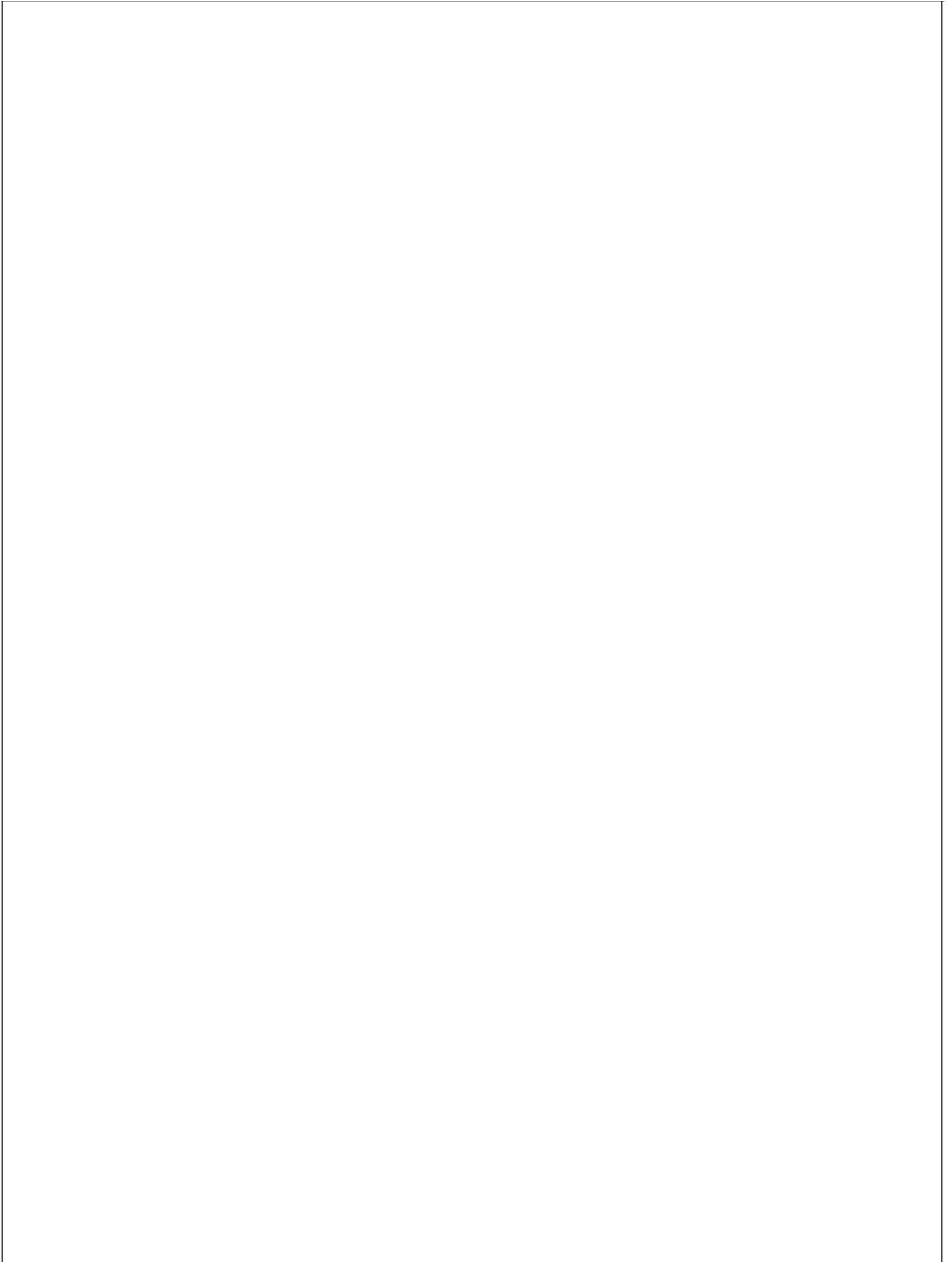
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About You

- * 1. What is your first and last name? If there are many people contributing to this survey, please list all names of those participating.

- * 2. What is your email address? If there are many people contributing to this survey, please list all email addresses of those participating.

- * 3. What institution are you representing?

OER Activity Level

4. Does your campus have an open access policy? (Policy where faculty are committed to disseminating its research and scholarship as widely as possible and that directs faculty to submit an electronic copy of the author's accepted manuscript in an open access repository.)

Yes

No

5. Is there a campus push for student textbook affordability?

Yes

No

6. If you answered Yes, please provide details on what your campus is doing.

7. Is your institution making any efforts to create open educational resources?

Yes

No

OER Activity Details

8. Please use this space to describe your institution's efforts.

9. How many OERs have you published? An approximation is fine.

10. What platform are you using to curate and disseminate OERs? Check all that apply.

Digital Commons

DSpace

Hydra

Omeka

CONTENTdm

Other (please specify)

11. Do you have any copyright issues that would be a barrier to OER implementation (For example, your institution takes on the copyright because the author was paid by the institution)?

Yes

No

12. If yes, please use this space to describe the copyright related barriers.

13. Are you members of the Open Textbook Network or a similar group?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

14. Are you working with a University Press to create OER material?

Yes

No

Press Affiliation

15. What is the affiliation of that university press?

- Affiliated with the library
- Affiliated with another entity within the college or university
- Other (please specify)

Press Affiliation

16. If you don't have a University Press or are not working with your press, are you partnering with other entities on campus to help with the publishing of OER?

Yes

No

17. Please use this space to describe what you are doing.

Alliance Role in OERs

18. What role(s), if any, might the Alliance play in the funding, creation, dissemination or preservation of OERs (joining the Open textbook Network, providing grants to faculty to review OERs, etc.)?

19. If offered, what Alliance support would be most helpful (offering workshops, sending out calls for volunteers to assist with copy editing or proof reading, etc.)?

20. Please use this space to share anything else that you would like to tell us.

21. May we contact you for more details or to verify information on which we are unclear?

Yes

No

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