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OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2019 ISSUE

WELCOME!

Open Access Week is upon us and I'm pleased to share a couple of events. Of course, check the OA Week website for any other events as many are live-streamed and (unsurprisingly) free and open to attend from around the world.

EVENTS

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER

RMIT Open Access Week online sessions

RMIT Library is running the following sessions for Open Access Week:

RMIT academics engaging with open educational resources to enhance their courses, (12.00-12.30pm) and *Open Access - know your rights!* (12.45pm – 1.30pm)

Both sessions look highly practical and relevant for practitioners and we'd encourage SIG members to attend.

Registrations: <https://sites.rmit.edu.au/libraryresearcherweek/webinars/>

(from Frank Ponte)

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

USQ Salon: *Strategies for Increasing Engagement with OER*, presented by Dr Tanya Grosz (Open Textbook Network)

In this video-conference, listeners will hear Dr Tanya Grosz, Director of Educational Programs at the Open Textbook Network, share various creative strategies for engaging multiple constituents on a university campus around OER, including some tried-and-true workshop delivery strategies. Dr Grosz draws on the work conducted at the University of Northwestern – Saint Paul with support from the Open Textbook Network, reflecting on how the support for, and raising awareness of, open education gained traction.

12.00 pm – 1.00 pm AEST; [Live streaming available](#).

Contact USQSalon@usq.edu.au with any queries.

NEWS

BUSINESS LAW 1 has been [published by OpenStax](#). Whilst the context is not Australasian, the conversion of this text would be an excellent framing for open pedagogy and open assessment. .

500,000 USD INVESTED in open text development at the [University of Texas at Arlington](#). *"Open education has the power to transform the student experience, leading to even greater opportunities for one of the most diverse campus populations in the nation,"*

REBUS OPEN OFFICE HOURS: If you haven't started watching them already, head over to the [REBUS Youtube channel](#) to catch up on the series. Each session covers very practical topics in open education (the last was *'Starting an open textbooks project'*) and harnesses a diverse range of experienced practitioners to share their advice (and how to avoid pitfalls). Highly recommended for anyone considering open education work.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR CHAPTERS: Intersections of OER and Information Literacy (to be published by ACRL) is [calling for authors to submit by November 15](#)

CONFERENCE NEWS

OER19 – CRITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN OPENNESS: Those following Twitter over the last week may be aware of the discussion surrounding a keynote panel that involved commercial publishers. David Wiley (one of the organisers) started [this Twitter discussion](#), whilst [Dr Rajiv Jhanigiani](#) and [Professor Martin Weller](#) blogged about their views. All of this points to the need for critical perspectives in open education—something we've raised in SIG discussions.

RESOURCES

RESEARCH ETHICS: USQ has now launched an [openly licenced course on Research Ethics](#) that will enjoy reuse at a number of other institutions within the next six months. We'd welcome (re)use by any institution.

INTRODUCING OPEN EDUCATION (POSTCARD EDITION): Designed for Open Access Week 2017, [this collection of postcard-sized resources](#) was repurposed from ones produced at Siegen University (Germany) and used to support workshops and OER planning with academic staff. Again, please (re)use them (and share any resulting works).

OEPSIG MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday October 29th from 3.00pm – 4.00pm (AEST). More details, including the Agenda, [can be found here](#).

Have a good week everyone.