PublishOER: sourcing content to enhance your teaching

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Educators want to use quality sources when developing learning resources, creatively mashing-up texts, images and other recordings into new works to enthuse and educate learners. Sharing of teaching materials is increasingly popular (saving both time and money) but problematic for reasons of copyright, data protection and consent. The legal situation becomes compromised when mash-ups of materials, sometimes annotated or otherwise modified, are secondarily recorded or made available for students to download/forward to others.

The PublishOER project seeks to augment the growing pool of educational resources by embedding published works in OER and recommending ways forward for the sector. Exploration and documentation of new business models will enable sustainable release, and testing of these approaches with staff and students will enhance a significant amount of OER. PublishOER includes Elsevier, JISC Collections, Rightscom, and education providers, particularly the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine & Science.

This poster considers the current state of play and illustrates how to find relevant (openly licenced) educational resources on the Internet.

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