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Community Call on OER Findability Issues

Appel de la communauté sur les difficultés liées à la recherche des REL

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Discussion themes for today

- The Searching Experience
- Deposit Options for Searchability
- Metadata Considerations
- Big-Picture Looking Forward

But First!

Who's on the Call?



The Searching Experience

- How would you characterize your experiences with searching for and finding OER?
 - How easy is it to assess the breadth of what is available in one discipline?
 - How easy is it to locate different versions (adaptations) of a text?

Deposit Options for Searchability

- Where are you currently depositing OER or where do you recommend creators deposit OER?
 - What informs this decision?
 - Do you take into consideration findability of the resources? What about aggregation?
- If you are in a province that has an OER or open textbook repository, how useful do you think this is?
 - In what ways is it a good part of your search experience, and in what ways could it be better?

Metadata Considerations

- If you manage or support deposits into a database, who inputs the metadata? Who provides support in this area and in what way(s)?
- If you manage or support deposits into a database, are efforts made to comply with any metadata standards (especially that are specific to OER)?
 - current [ISO 15836 Dublin Core \(DC\) Core Metadata Element Set](#) -- along with [Dublin Core's LRMI Specifications for markup and description of educational resources](#)
 - current [IEEE 1484.12.1-2002 Learning Object Metadata \(LOM\)](#)
 - the emerging [ISO/IEC 19788: Information technology – Learning, education and training – Metadata for learning resources](#)

Big-Picture Looking Forward

- Given what you've just heard, what are your thoughts on how we might want to change our collective practices as a community toward maximum searchability and findability of OER?
- What are other groups doing to advance this?



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