

Engaging language educators: OER and staff development

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Overview

- LLAS practitioner projects
- Identified reasons for engaging with open practice
- The FAVOR project – hourly paid tutors
- Conclusion: engaging with open practice leads to a range of professional development opportunities

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Dr John Canning

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Student oral progress report: Project on evacuee

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Review of HumBox Resources by Employers

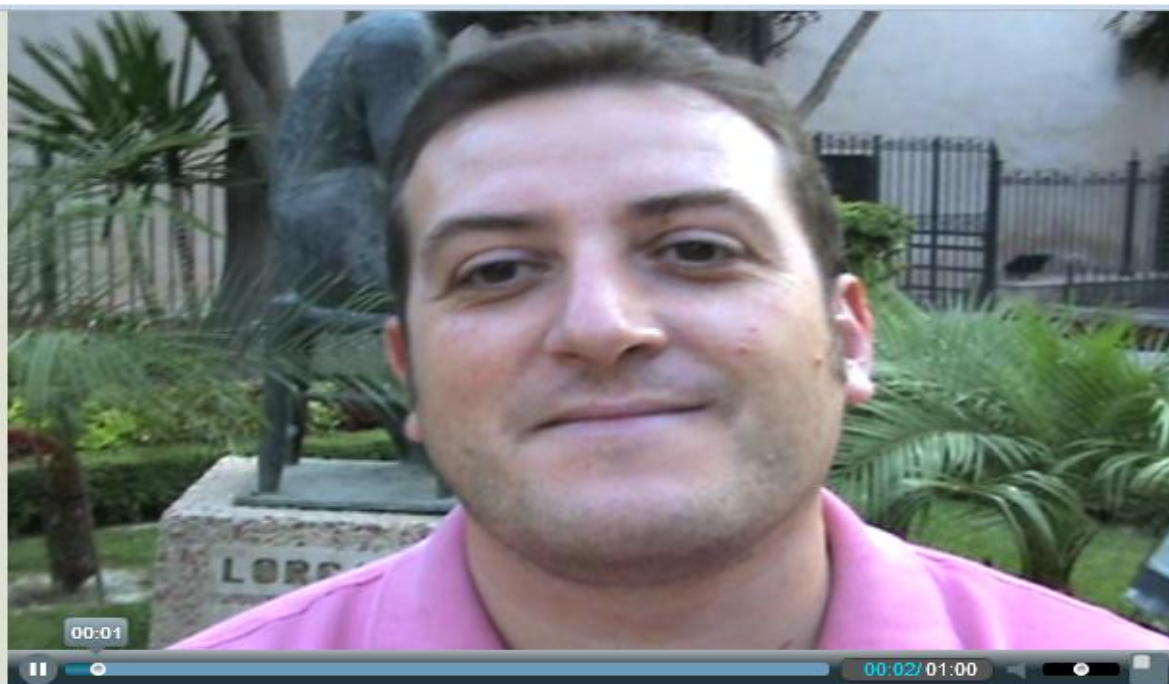
Have you shared your resources in HumBox? Would you consider having some of your resources reviewed or endorsed by employers? If so, please contact Antonio Martinez-Arboleda sillama@leeds.ac.uk and find out more about this OU SCORE-funded project.

Watch this video about the project.

OpenLIVES project uses HumBox

The JISC-funded OpenLIVES project will use the HumBox to publish research data documenting the experiences of Spanish migrants to the UK. A team comprising Spanish

11. Attitudes towards Regional Autonomy in Spain: The Case of Lorca (Region of Murcia). Video 11 - Summary of Methodology - Transcripts in English and Spanish.



Description

Participant 11 responds to the question "How would you feel if the regional parliament and the regional government of the Autonomous Community of Murcia were to disappear tomorrow and all the decisions taken at regional level were to be taken instead at national level? Why?". This video response is part of the collection of learning resources for the students of the Year 2 undergraduate module SPPO 2370/2371 ("Spain: Political Decentralisation and Integration in Europe"). School of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Leeds.

Resource details

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Mr Antonio Martínez-Arboleda

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Creators:

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Tags:

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Languages:

Dialecto Murciano, English, Spanish

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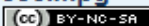
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Dr Matt Phillpott 29 Jan 2010 14:43

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This review is for all videos in this collection spread over 11 resources. The collection is highly useful to be used together or individually in class or for students to do at home. The resources are useful for regional studies, Spanish language and culture and various other topics. Eleven out of seventeen interviews have been uploaded to HumBox along with background information on the project and an exercise for students to undertake. The videos are in mpeg format and should work on most computer systems. I have found that loading the video on Firefox does not work. The file needs to be saved to the hard drive and then played on media player or similar software.



Mr Antonio Martínez-Arboleda 18 Jan 2010 05:36

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Mr Billy Brick 14 Sep 2009 14:40

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Excellent resource. Part of a larger collection of videoed responses. Excellent possibilities for re-use in language classes; and re-use of methodology/concept.



Mr Emmanuel Godin 14 Sep 2009 16:54

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The group thinks this is useful as a complete package of teaching resources - useful in a variety of disciplines (not just language). Thoroughly prepared - transcripts with translations. Flexible in use - bite-size units. Links to other resources would be possible; also the academic background to this module. Seems user friendly.

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Collection(s)

Warwick workshop

Attitudes Towards Regional Autonomy in Spain: The Case of Lorca (Región de Murcia). 17 videos, Methodology and Transcripts.

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Homepage:

http://www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/people/20059/spanish_portuguese_and_latin_american_studies/person/1009/antonio_martinez_arboleda

Affiliated Groups:

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Benefits of sharing for professional development

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Way of showing impact:-

- for non-research active staff
- demonstrating excellence in teaching
- raising your public professional profile
- linking research and teaching
- demonstrating excellence in content, technology or pedagogy

Practice: -

- a way of making connections in discipline community
- improves digital literacy
- a way of making contact with other audiences for your work
- encourages collaborative working

Why do people use the site?

- see what other practitioners/institutions are doing
- to share practice and get reviews
- can find useful resources to adapt
- helps to reflect on own practice
- provides good ideas to improve/enhance practice
- good way to keep up with developments in the discipline
- early career researchers can showcase work and teaching experience
- can see perspectives from other hums disciplines
- enables teaching to have a public dimension

The FAVOR project

- Finding A Voice through Open Resources (JISC)
- Part-time, hourly-paid language tutors
- Sharing existing resources
- Creating new transition resources for prospective university applicants: ‘taste of’ new languages; language study at HE
- Collaboration: Southampton, SOAS, UCL SSEES, Aston, Newcastle

Issues for hourly-paid tutors

- Often unrecognised and undervalued
- Employed in ‘Language Centres’ separate from academic depts
- Teaching-only contracts (Coleman, J, 2004)
- “...*could be forgiven for feeling like second-class citizens,*” Klapper, J. (2006)
- Intensive teaching schedules
- Lack of opportunity to engage with academic life and professional development opportunities

Benefits of open practice

- Can demonstrate impact to institution as well as beyond
- Colleagues who work cross-sector, cross-institution can bring work together under one online profile
- Facilitates networking locally and beyond
- Creating new, high quality OERs will raise profiles of creators
- Enhances digital literacy and professional practice

Concluding remarks

- Open practice is potentially a good vehicle for professional development in a range of ways, from profile-raising; encouraging reflection on current practice, to enhancing digital literacy
- Enhanced usefulness if part of a community of collegiate 'sharers'
- Benefits for full engagement (sharing your work and downloading) and for partial (browsing, downloading others' work)

Useful links for info and advice (OERs)

- OER Infokit: <http://bit.ly/oerinfokit>
- The JISC (funding, OER projects): www.jisc.ac.uk
- Open Courseware Consortium: www.ocwconsortium.org

Some repositories:

- Jorum: www.jorum.ac.uk
- HumBox: www.humbox.ac.uk
- LanguageBox: <http://languagebox.ac.uk>
- LORO (Language Open Resources Online):
<http://loro.open.ac.uk/>

Useful links: landscape for languages

- Coleman, J. 2004, Modern Languages in British universities: past and present, *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education*, 3(2), 147–162.
- Klapper, J. 2006, *Understanding and Developing Good Practice: Language Teaching in Higher Education*. London: CILT.
- Howarth, P. 2011, *Language Centres and Academic Departments*. Available online:
<http://www.ucml.ac.uk/shapingthefuture/identity>
- Review of Modern Foreign Languages provision in higher education in England, HEFCE, by M. Worton:
http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2009/09_41/

Thank you, questions, discussion!

- Do you think new academic/teaching staff should be actively encouraged to engage with open practice?
- What other things do we need to do to engage more staff with open practice?
- Do you think that engagement with open practice should be made part of the REF/promotion pathways?