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Building a Global Open Education Working Group

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Open Knowledge

Promoting open knowledge in a digital age

- A **community-based**, **not-for-profit** with **projects and partnerships throughout the world**
- We build **tools, apps** and **communities** to create, use and share **open data and content** - information that **everyone can use, share and build on**
- We believe that by creating an open knowledge commons and developing tools and communities around this we can make a significant contribution to **improving governance, research and the economy**
- Collaboration not control, empowerment not exploitation, open not closed

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Building a Working Group...

Overview of session

Background to the working group: why we set it up, what we hope it will achieve...

Development of the group: launch, transparent working practices, working group calls, advisory board...

Preliminary activities: Open Education Handbook, OKFest activity...

Plans for the future:

LinkedUp Project

Linking data for Education

- EU Project from November 2012 - November 2014
- FP7 Support Action which "**pushes forward the exploitation and adoption of public, open data available on the Web, in particular by educational organisations and institutions**"
- Partners: L3S Research Center of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover, Elsevier, the Open Universiteit Nederland and Lattanzio Learning

LinkedUp Challenge

Veni, Vidi, Vici

- 3 competitions – 6 months each
- Developers invited to design and build innovative and robust prototypes and demos for tools that analyse and/or integrate open web data for educational purposes
- Veni Competition June 2013 – September 2013
- Vidi Competition November 2013 – May 2014
- Vici Competition June 2014 – October 2014
- Use cases, focused tracks,
- LinkedUp catalogue – collated data sets

Using Open Data

...to meet educational needs

By supporting students

- New tools, enriching resources, exploration, informed choices

By supporting schools and institutions

- Learning analytics, improve efficiencies, benchmarking

By supporting governments and policy

- Change in policy, transparency, education reform

- Open data that comes out of education institutions
- Open data that can be exploited/ used by education institutions
- Open data that can be exploited/ used by education
- Open data…

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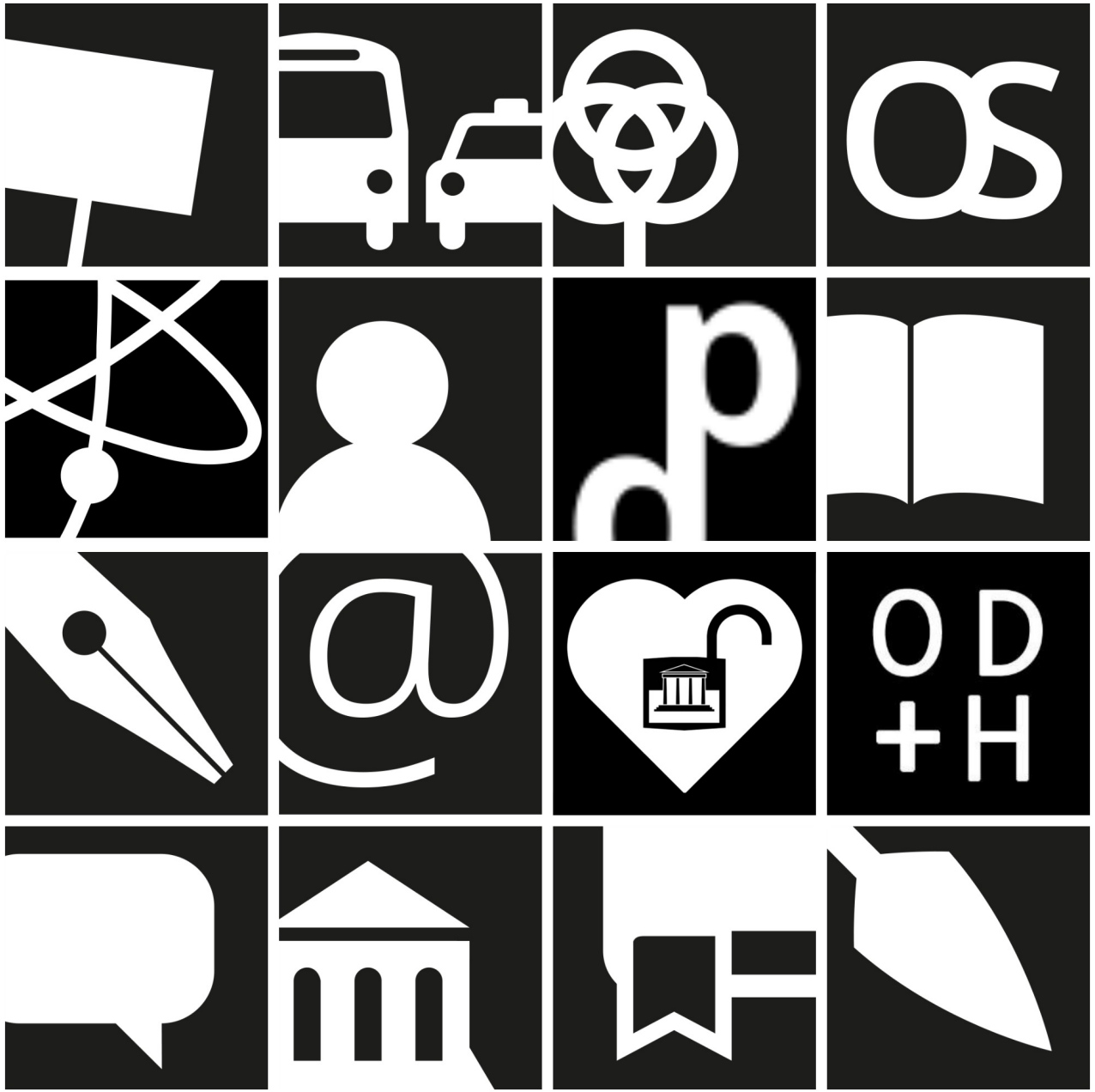
Why a Working Group?

Reasons for development of the group

- We wanted to see open data in education pulled into the wider debate around open education
- Opportunity to bring together silos of activity: content and OER, OEP, open policy, licensing, data, tools...
- Allow us to collaborate with people across sectors and globally – get the bigger picture
- Where can open data in education lead? All possibilities still exist
- Community building compliments what we are doing



- Lobbying Transparency
- Open Transport
- Open Sustainability
- Open Spending
- Open Science
- Personal Data and Privacy
- Public Domain
- Open Bibliography
- Open Humanities
- Open Access
- Open GLAM
- Open Design and Hardware
- Open Linguistics
- Open Government Data
- Open Definition
- Open Archaeology
- Open Economics
- Open Development
- Open Product Data

- Open Education

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Working Groups

...established to bring together people and groups interested in open education. Its goal is to initiate global cross-sector and cross-domain activity that encompasses the various facets of open education.

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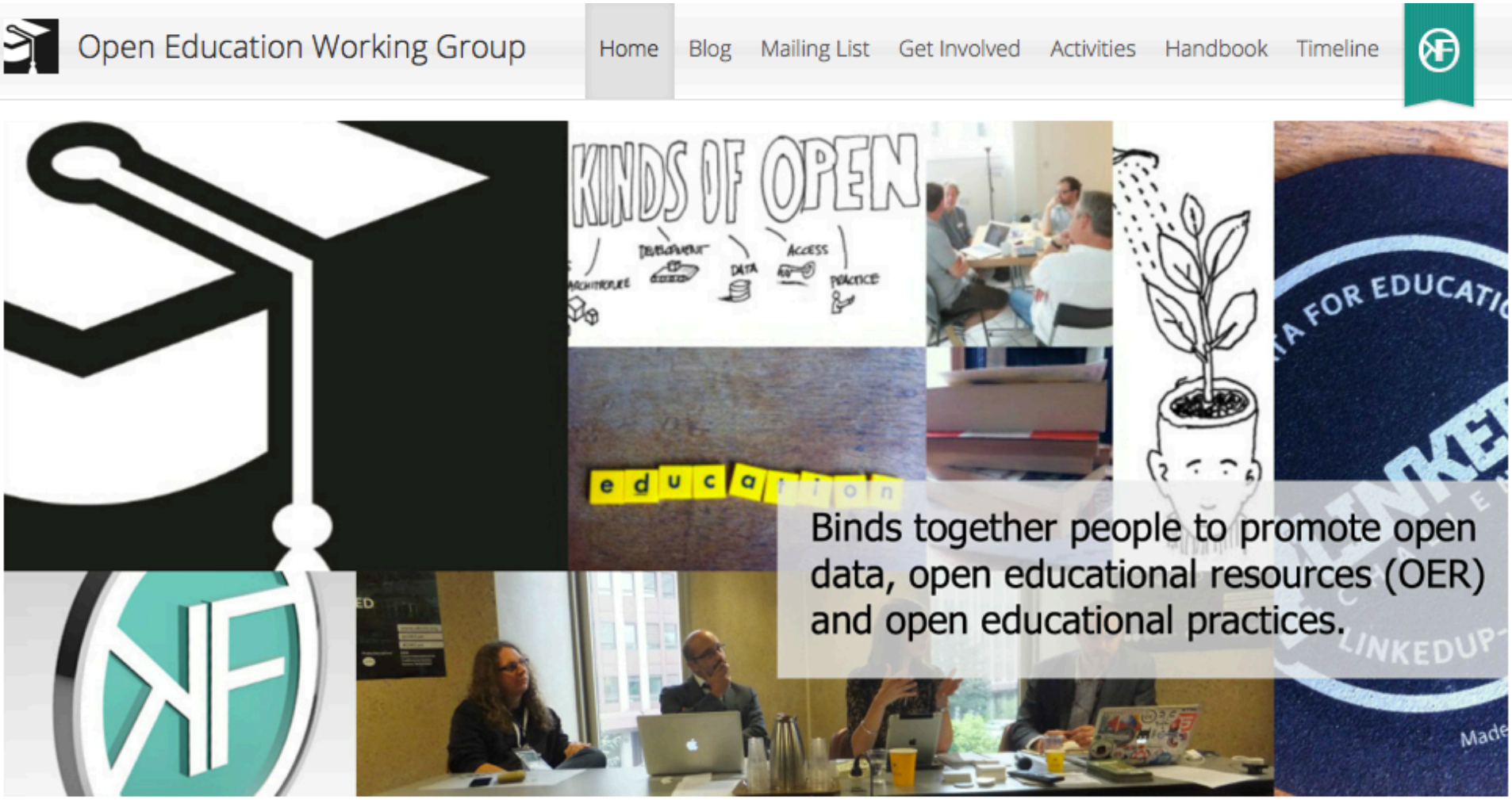

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The Group Launch

OKCon
OPEN KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE

At OKCon, Geneva, September 2013

- Largest global open knowledge conference
- Ran an open education panel session with over 100 attendees
- Group officially launched

- Facilitated by Doug Belshaw, Badges & Skills Lead, Mozilla Foundation

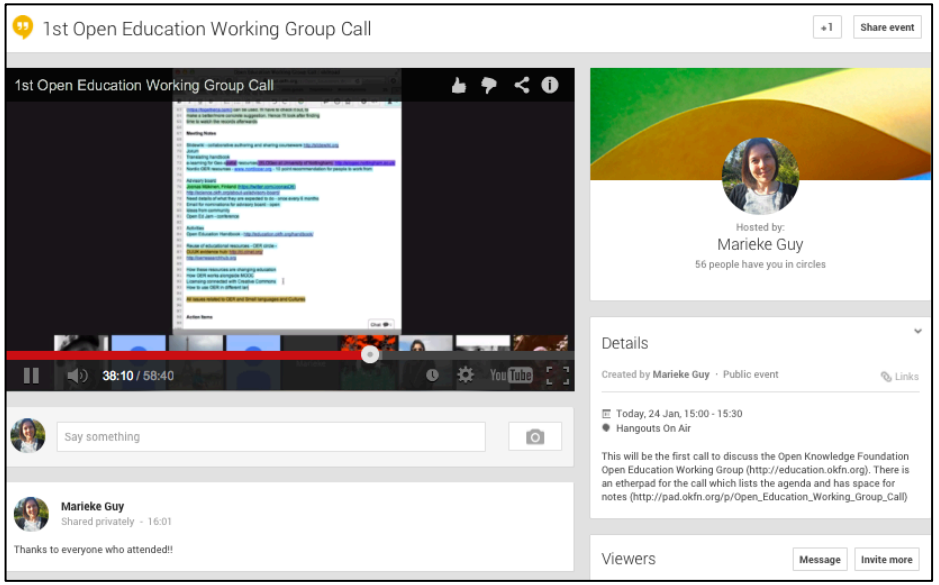
Panelists:

- OER perspective: Jackie Carter, MIMAS, University of Manchester
- Open practitioner perspective: Davide Storti, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Open data perspective: Mathieu d'Aquin, LinkedUp

Transparent Working

"Eat your own dog food"

- Website/blog, open education around the world posts
- Working Group calls
- Membership charter
- Discussions on group mission
- Call for advisory board members



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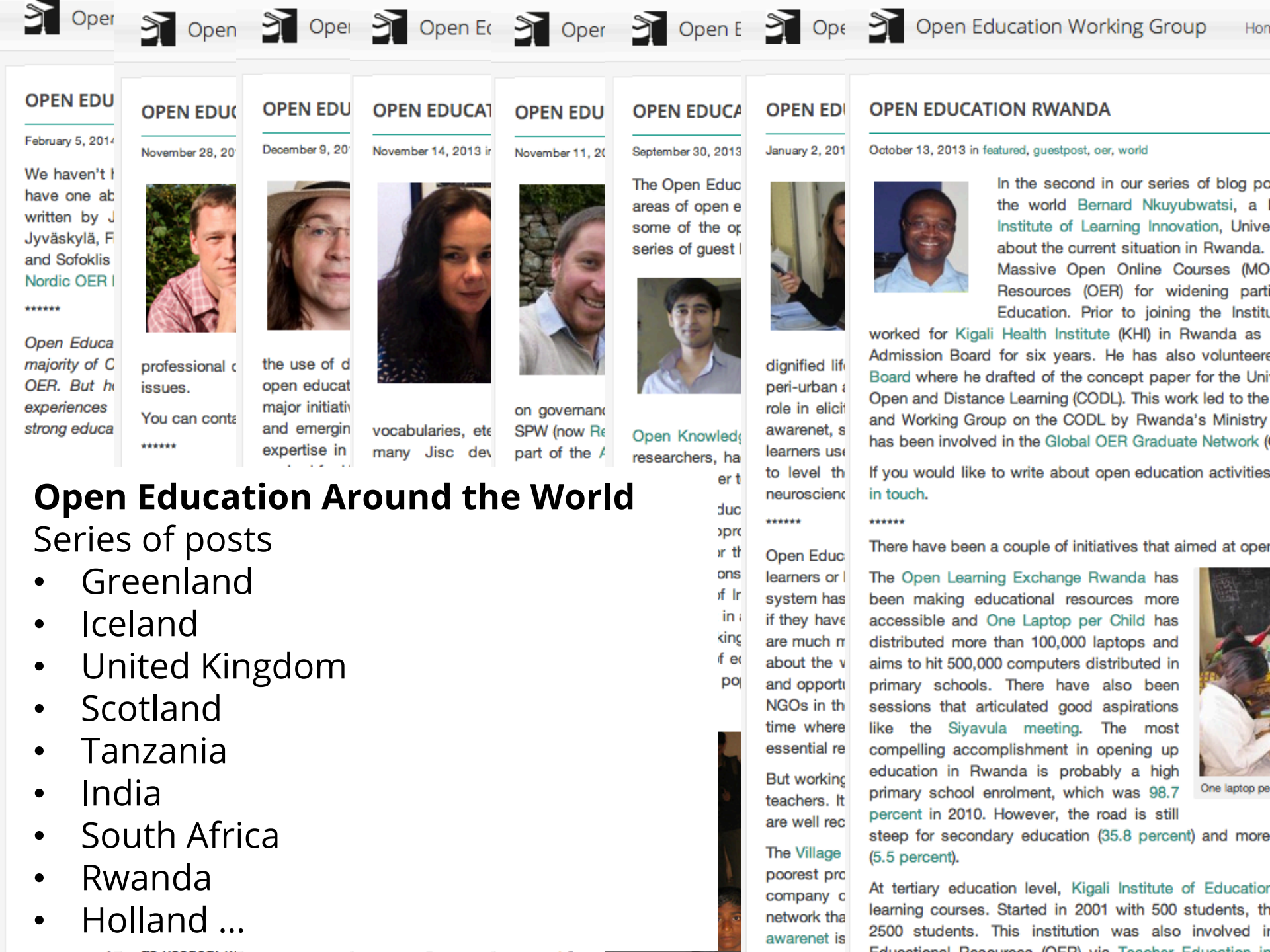
Advisory Board

Open Education Around the World

Series of posts

- Greenland
- Iceland
- United Kingdom
- Scotland
- Tanzania
- India
- South Africa
- Rwanda
- Holland …



General Activities

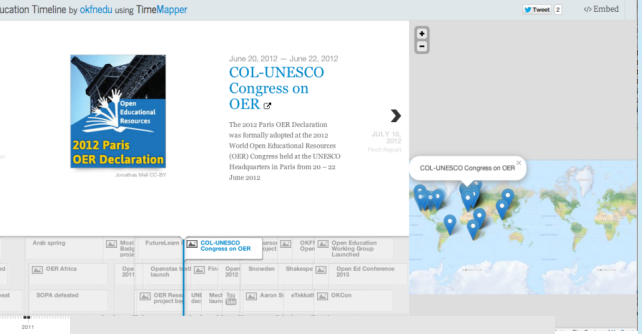
Areas of interest and ideas

- Community building – making contact
- OKFestival, July, Berlin – Open Education Maker Party
- Support for LMRI initiatives, standards, platform for Open Standards work
- OER and small languages and cultures (multilingualism)
- Open Education language – making it appropriate for all
- Support for member activities e.g. Open Data Ireland booksprint
- Connections with local groups: Belgium, Finland, Brazil

Activities: Handbook

The Open Education Handbook

- A collaboratively written living web document targeting educational practitioners and the education community at large
- Coverage is broad and determined by authors
- Kick-started at a series of booksprints and events
- Available online for editing in Booktype, open source book editing software
- Translated in to Portuguese, set on Slidewiki
- Future plans: glossary, universal style, definitions, synergies between areas, flow, fact checking, more questions, front end



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