Open 2020 Working Group - Themes and Teams

The collective brainstorm of Meeting #1 was terrific! Working Group members landed on a few thematic areas, and although five thematic areas were discussed, several members suggested that Sustainability would fit in well with Tools and Infrastructure - and possibly also, given its overriding importance, deserve a statement or deliverable from the Working Group as a whole.

To this end, we propose to focus for Meeting #2 and, if we agree, for all our work to follow on the following four themes:

Access, Equity, and Inclusion
Sharpening our understanding of the audiences we can reach, how we can reach them, and what we provide to them.

Team members as of August 14, 2019: Angela DeBarger, Ben Vershbow, Brianna Schofield, James Glapa-Grossklag, Philipp Schmidt

Value Propositions and Incentives
Defining the values of the open movement for 2020 and fresh incentives in the field now 20 years in.

Team members as of August 14, 2019: Chris Bourg, Curt Newton, Hunt Lambert, John Willinsky, Loic Tallon, MJ Bishop

Tools, Infrastructure, and Sustainability
What are the tools, platforms, and metrics available to us now? What’s missing? What’s needed to keep us viable?

Team members as of August 14, 2019: Nicole Allen, Nichole Saad, Peter Suber, Ross Mounce, Amy Brand, Mark McBride

Trust and Truth
Exploring ways of connecting our work to the new and deeper crisis in knowledge production and distribution.

Team members as of August 14, 2019: Peter Kaufman and several new Working Group members

Originally on Sustainability and Incentives - Bharat Anand, Diana Wu, Jeff Ubois, Ryan Merkley, Timo Kos or Willem van Valkenburg - please choose which Theme Team you’d like to join.

As we delve more deeply now, we want to pay particular attention to:
• Audiences served and their needs;
• The inclusion of voices within diverse populations;
• Assessments of the current landscape;
• The key, urgent questions that need to be addressed;
• New, ambitious, and yet practical recommendations for the future of open learning; and
• Most important, the form and content of the work product deliverable(s) that we as the Open 2020 Working should be supporting, producing, and publishing in our name.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Maryland September 30-October 1!