Stakeholders Forum

Learning Support, Materials & Technology
eLearning in Open Learning
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Potea vt una vox capi ante plurima: Linius ita una scripta mille paginas.
Postal systems
Potest variare vocis capi aere plurimum. Linens ita varia scripta mille paginas.
There is no magic educational medium (and never will be)
“The world is caught in a communications revolution, the effects of which will go beyond those of the industrial revolution of two centuries ago. Then the great advance was the invention of machines to multiply the potency of men's muscles. Now the great new advance is the invention of machines to multiply the potency of men's minds. As the steam engine was to the first revolution, so the computer is to the second.”

Lord Geoffrey Crowther, 1969
What is eLearning?

“a general term that relates to all training that is delivered with the assistance of a computer”
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<th>&quot;a learning environment supported by continuously evolving, collaborative processes, focused on increasing individual and organisational performance&quot;</th>
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What is eLearning?

“a sexier term for distance learning”
“something that is immune from criticism, often unreasonably so”

Sacred Cow
“a subversive device placed within enemy ranks”

Trojan Horse
1. Not a subversive device:
   no fundamental rethinking of pedagogy
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2. Campus not distance
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3. A stowaway on board:  
   Digital Rights Management
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work on Copyright

http://www.col.org/copyright
“One that is made to bear the blame of others”

Scapegoat
“scattering brightly-coloured eggs as she goes”

Easter Bunny
1. Access to resources
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2. Speeds up communication
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3. A Global Intellectual Commons

*Open Educational Resources*
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

1. Wheels not re-invented
2. Materials cost lowered
3. Free/open content
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“to allow the small states to work collectively to master the eWorld and bridge the digital divide”
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“The collaborative development of Open Education Resources is the foundation of its work”
THANK YOU

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