



COL helps governments and institutions to expand the scope, scale and quality of learning by using new approaches.



COL promotes policies and systems to make innovation sustainable and works with international partners to build models, create materials, enhance organisational capacity and nurture networks that facilitate learning in support of development goals.



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education • livelihoods • human environment • knowledge management

Learning for Development

Learning is the key to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the goals of Education for All and the Commonwealth values of peace, democracy, equality and good governance. Traditional teaching methods cannot cope with the scale and diversity of learning needs, but rapidly evolving information technologies and media can bring quality learning opportunities to all Commonwealth citizens.

COL has developed powerful models for applying technology to learning in all areas of life, and has helped Commonwealth countries give millions of people new opportunities to learn by empowering governments, institutions and individuals to develop learning systems themselves without always relying on donors.

COL helps developing Commonwealth countries to increase access to learning using distance education and appropriate technologies.

Education

- Quality assurance
- Teacher development
- Open/alternative schooling
- Higher education
- eLearning
- WikiEducator.org

Learning for Livelihoods

- Learning and skills for livelihoods
- Community development
- Transnational programmes

Human Environment

- Gender and development
- Health and welfare
- Environmental education
- Good governance
- Mass media and ICTs

Virtual University for Small States (VUSSC)

- VUSSC will provide some of the world's smallest countries with stronger economic opportunities through improved access to quality education.

Regional Centres

- CEMCA in India
- RETRIDAL in Western Africa
- SADC-CDE in Southern Africa
- Project manager in the Pacific

Information Exchange and Knowledge Resources

- Free and open source software
- Information on copyright
- Course materials
- ICTs in African schools
- Knowledge Finder
- COL News Service
- Online resources and publications
- *Connections, EdTech News*

Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning

- Brunei – 1999
- South Africa – 2002
- New Zealand – 2004
- Jamaica – 2006
- United Kingdom – 2008

COL'S FUNDAMENTAL GOAL:

To help create a Commonwealth in which learning is the high road to greater freedom and a better life for all.