

# Course and badge information

**OEPS\_1** **Becoming an open educator**

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## Getting started

If you just want to study the course for your own interest and do not require a statement of participation or a digital badge, then you can do so without enrolling on the course.

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However, if you wish to save or record your answers to the end of section and end of course quizzes, or if you would like to be able to receive a statement of participation or a digital badge, then you need to be enrolled on the course.

## Enrolling on the course

To enrol on the course you'll need an Open University account.

1. If you already have an account, just click on 'Sign in to enrol' and enter your user name and password. If you don't already have an account, you can [create your new OU account here](#). (Note that creating a free OU account gives you the ability to enrol on courses which are hosted on OU systems, but it does not

mean that you will receive unwanted email from the OU or its partners.)

2. Follow the instructions, and once you have finished registering by reaching the 'My Account' page, simply close the browser window or tab.
3. Then refresh THIS page to update your status so you can enrol.
4. The enrolment button is in the top right-hand corner.

You are now enrolled and ready to start the course and quizzes.

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## Course assessment information

By studying this course and meeting the required completion requirements you have the option to gain a statement of participation and/or a digital badge.

### What is a statement of participation?

A statement of participation demonstrates successful completion of a free online module and your interest in the subject. It can be used to demonstrate your commitment to your ongoing continuing professional development (CPD). It does not usually carry any formal credit towards a qualification as it is not subject to the same rigour as formal assessment.

### How to gain a statement of participation

To achieve a statement of participation for studying *Becoming an open educator* you will need to be [enrolled on the course](#) and meet the following criteria:

- Have read each section of the module material.
- Have completed the quizzes that you'll find at the end of each section.

When you have successfully achieved the completion criteria you will receive an email notification that your statement has been awarded which will then appear in the achievements area in your

profile. Please note it can take up to 24 hours for a statement to be issued.

## What is a badge?

Badges are a means of digitally recognising certain skills and achievements acquired through informal study and are entirely optional. They **do not** carry any formal credit, as they are not subject to the same rigour as formal assessment, nor are they proof that you have studied the full module. They are, however, a useful means of demonstrating participation and recognising informal learning.

If you'd like to read more about badges you will find more information on these websites:

- [Open Badges](#) – this information is provided by Mozilla, a leading provider of the open badges system.
- [Digital Badges](#) – this information is provided by the Humanities, Arts, Science and Technology Alliance (HASTAC), and Collaboratory, a global community working to transform how we learn, particularly by making use of technology.
- Organisations across Scotland are working together to develop open badges – read about who is involved and how badges are developing on the [RSC Scotland](#) website.

## **Your *Becoming an open educator* badge will demonstrate the following learning outcomes:**

By the end of this course you should:

- Understand what makes a practice or resource open.
- Understand what are the different types of open educational resources.
- Understand some of the reasons why you might use open educational resources (OER) for teaching and learning.
- Understand the importance of digital literacy in relation to openness.
- Have an awareness of the different types of Creative Commons licences and know how to use them.
- Understand why you might want to openly license your own materials and what the challenges might be.
- Be able to find relevant open resources suitable for your own context.
- Understand how to attribute a resource correctly.
- Understand best practice for integrating open resources.
- Understand how the licence you choose for your resource impacts on how others can reuse it.

- Understand how to effectively share your resources and open practices with others so they are reusable and visible.
- Understand the advantages and potential issues with openly licensing your materials.
- Be aware of who owns a resource you have created and why this matters.
- Have explored a range of open practices.
- Have a better understanding of the challenges and benefits of measuring the impact of a resource you create or use.
- Have planned your own open journey for the next few months.

## How to gain a badge

To achieve a badge for studying *Becoming an open educator* you will need to be [enrolled on the course](#) and meet the following badge criteria:

- Have read each section of the module materials.
- Have completed the quizzes that you'll find at the end of each section.
- Successfully complete the quiz that you'll find at the end of the course and achieve at least 60%.

When you have successfully achieved the completion criteria you will receive an email notification that your badge has been

awarded which will then appear in the My Badges area in your profile. Please note it can take up to 24 hours for a badge to be issued.

## To access your badge

Go to 'My profile' and view your badges in 'Achievements'. You can download, export or share the badge. You can also add it to your Mozilla backpack (which enables you to manage and display collections of digital badges you have earned).

The OpenLearn Works non-accredited badging system relies on trust. We trust you to answer the questions in the course by drawing on your own skills and knowledge as we do not have formal exams or invigilation as part of the course. You are trusted that the answers you submit to course quizzes are your own work and that you will not share answers with other learners.

## Sharing your badge

Badges awarded within [OpenLearn Works](#) can be shared via the Mozilla Backpack.

## Downloading your badge to your Mozilla Backpack

You will need to create a [Mozilla Backpack](#) account.

When you have done this, click on the 'Add To Backpack' button, and you will be asked to login to Mozilla if you have not already done so.

Follow the instructions on the screen and your badge should be automatically added to your backpack.

You can now return to [the course home page](#).

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## Description

A button that says 'OK, I understand and I want to start the course now'. Clicking on the button will take you to the course introduction.

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A button that says 'I am enrolled and ready to start the course'. Clicking on the button will take you to the course introduction.

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