Education and learning in the Third Sector - is the future ‘open’?

Does your organisation:
• buy in training?
• offer learning?
• want the world to know more about what you do?

‘Open’ educational resources can help with all of the above.
Open educational resources are:
- freely available on the internet
- allow participation from anyone at anytime
- have few restrictions on copying, revising or redistribution

Third sector organisations are now realising the advantages of using open educational resources in a range of areas:

Training for staff and volunteers
- Cut training costs by adapting existing high quality, online material
- Reach staff and volunteers across Scotland
- Make learning interactive and fun
- Recognise achievement without the costs of formal accreditation through online ‘badges’

Learning provision
- Reach new learners wherever they are located
- Empower learners through interactive, online participation
- Avoid duplication of effort by sharing and adapting online material

Share your organisation’s expertise with local and global audiences
- Tell new audiences about your work through fun, online material
- Create material that others can copy, adapt, rebrand and redistribute

About the OEPS project
The Opening Educational Practices in Scotland project (OEPS), led by The Open University in Scotland, is supporting organisations explore the potential of open educational materials. The project has been funded by the Scottish Funding Council.

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