

TIDE Professional Development Programme Strand Lead Biographies

Professor Andy Lane, Professor of Environmental Systems and Academic Director for TIDE–The Open University



Andy has a BSc in Plant Sciences and a PhD in Pest Management from the University of London. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management and served on their Training, Education and Career Development Committee from 2010 to 2016. Andy is also a Chartered Environmentalist and a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Andy has held various offices in the former Technology Faculty including being Head of the Systems Department (1998-99), Associate Dean (1992-97) and Dean (2000-06). His current roles include being Qualification Lead for a BSc Environmental Management and Technology. Andy has taken a prominent role in the OU's work on Open Educational Resources including serving as the founding Director of OpenLearn, the OU's own OER platform; as a Board member of the OpenCourseWare (now Open Education) Consortium from 2008-10; being involved in a number of European OER initiatives such as MORIL and OER-HE; and as the Senior Fellow in the Support Centre for Open Resources in Education at the OU from 2009-12. Andy can be contacted via email: andy.lane@open.ac.uk

Susan Fawssett, Online Learning Design Lead and Consultant, The Open University



Susan has been an Open University tutor at both undergraduate and postgraduate for over twenty years. She has authored module materials and been commended for her learner centred teaching. She is a seasoned researcher conducting investigations on a wide range of topics. Her recent research interests include the UN Sustainable Development Goals and higher education delivery in Ethiopia and Myanmar. She also works extensively with international development organisations to deliver training. Susan can be contacted via email: s.c.fawssett@open.ac.uk

Yin Tun, Tekkatho Foundation, University of Manchester



Yin's great passion is knowledge sharing, which is why she's dedicated herself to developing the eTekkatho digital library; bring offline libraries to Myanmar where they are needed most. She believes that people can reach their potential if you provide the right tools and support. Over the past 10 years, she's been working for Manchester University and is currently the Operational Manager for the project, which is both rewarding and challenging (in equal measures). Her education background includes an MRes from Yangon University and MSc in Environmental Science from Manchester University. In 2016 Yin was presented with the LILAC award for her work

on the project.

Dr. Jane Roberts, Senior Lecturer - Open University



Jane's background is as an environmental policy analyst with strong interests in education for sustainable development. She received her PhD from the Open University in 1991, for a study of interest group relationships in the nuclear power sector at the time of electricity privatisation. Until 2007 she was Principal Lecturer in Environmental Policy at the University of Gloucestershire, initiating and coordinating the university's link with Kaliro Teachers' College in Uganda. Between 2007 and 2009 she worked for the Bulmer Foundation, a Hereford-based sustainable development charity, leading their postgraduate programmes in Sustainable Development Advocacy. Her growing interest in professional recognition as a tool for inspiring Associate Lecturers to develop their teaching skills led to a part-time appointment as an HEA accreditor in 2011. In 2017 she gained Principal Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. Jane can be contacted via email: jane.roberts@open.ac.uk

Dr. Carina Bossu, Senior Lecturer, The Open University



Carina was a Senior Lecturer (Adjunct) with the Tasmanian Institute of Learning and Teaching at the University of Tasmania. Her work and research are primarily focused on Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP) in higher education, more specifically issues related to learning, teaching and professional development. Previously, she was a Research Fellow with the Distance Education HUB (DEHub) at the University of New England. In addition to Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP), Carina also has an interest in academic staff development, higher and distance education, educational change and policy development; which were some of the areas studied during her PhD. Carina can be contacted via email: carina.bossu@open.ac.uk.

Tim Seal, International Development Office, The Open University



Tim is a Senior Manager in Technology Enhanced Learning. Previously Technical Director for TESS-India (funded by UKaid from the UK Government), he provided strategic leadership, knowledge and advice to the TESS-India project in a technical context, with focus on usability, technical requirements, implementation and open educational resources and practice.

Tim draws upon 15 years of expertise in open learning, interactive media, design and theory. Since joining The Open University in 2008, Tim has worked alongside a variety of external partners to produce award winning teaching materials. As Assistant Director of SCORE, funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, Tim helped lead the three-year project that aimed to assist the Higher Education sector in realising the benefits of Open Educational Resources.

Dr. Beck Pitt, Institute of Educational Technology, The Open University



Beck Pitt is a Research Fellow and member of the award-winning Open Education Research (OER) Hub team. Based at the Institute of Educational Technology, The Open University (UK) the OER Hub works collaboratively to investigate the impact of open education on learning and teaching. Beck contributes to a number of projects including the Global OER Graduate Network (GO-GN) and European MOOC Consortium Labour Market (EMC-LM) project. Find out more: <https://iet.open.ac.uk/people/beck.pitt>