

OER for the Trades

Roundtable discussion/workshop

SE14-213 BCIT Library, Entrepreneurship Centre

Open Education Week @ BCIT is starting off on the right foot with a cross-institutional roundtable discussion and an Open Design Thinking workshop!

As Open Educational Practices (OEP) continue to challenge and change higher education, vocational education and trades can be seen as late to the party. Yet as an educational system that teaches hands-on skills, analytical thinking, problem-solving, and troubleshooting; vocational education fits nicely with the theories and practice of open pedagogy.

In this workshop, Amanda Coolidge (BCcampus) will introduce the concepts of Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP). Amanda will discuss some of the initiatives taking place in OER and discuss the many benefits that institutions experience in the use of both OER and OEP.

Amanda's introduction to OER and OEP will be followed by a roundtable discussion with instructors and faculty from different colleges who are using OER and OEP in their own practice. The discussion will centre on the benefits and the hurdles that these individuals have faced in their own journey in embracing an open philosophy. This first session will end with a Q and A.

After a brief break and refreshments (pizza!) the session will shift its focus to how to create OER. Tim Carson (chief instructor, piping trades, BCIT) will take the session through an exercise in design thinking, where attendees will be given a chance to design resources to be used in their own practice. The second session will end with time for continued dialogue and networking.

Hope to see you there!

Roundtable discussion participants:

- Amanda Coolidge, BCcampus
- Bonnie Johnson, BCIT
- Chad Flinn, BCIT
- Sally Vinden, VIU

Refreshments: Pizza will be served!