

## Open Education Week March 7-11, 2016

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The goal of [Open Education Week](#) is to raise awareness of free and open education opportunities that exist for everyone, everywhere, right now. The organizers want to highlight how open education can help people meet their goals in education, whether it's to develop skills and knowledge for work, supporting formal studies, learning something new for personal interest, or looking for additional teaching resources.

Furthermore the organizers offer the following definition.

Open education encompasses resources, tools and practices that employ a framework of open sharing to improve educational access and effectiveness worldwide.

Open Education combines the traditions of knowledge sharing and creation with 21st century technology to create a vast pool of openly shared educational resources, while harnessing today's collaborative spirit to develop educational approaches that are more responsive to learner's needs.

The idea of free and open sharing in education is not new. In fact, sharing is probably the most basic characteristic of education: education is sharing knowledge, insights and information with others, upon which new knowledge, skills, ideas and understanding can be built. Open Education seeks to scale up educational opportunities by taking advantage of the power of the internet, allowing rapid and essentially free dissemination, and enabling people around the world to access knowledge, connect and collaborate. Open is key; open allows not just access, but the freedom to modify and use materials, information and networks so education can be personalized to individual users or woven together in new ways for diverse audiences, large and small.

More about the week, along with the list of projects and resources can be found on the Web site.

**Source:** Open Education Week Web site - <http://www.openeducationweek.org/> (accessed March 26, 2016.)