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# Agenda

## Equity and Accessibility in Digital Education.

### Designing Strategies to Produce Equity in Knowledge Building Activities

June 19, 2023 | 12:00-13:30 CET



**14:00 Introduction to the Hub anniversary Knowledge building event**

Josep M. Duart, Airina Volungevičienė, EDEN Digital Learning Europe

**Introduction to the theme and event by Estela Daukšienė**

Estela Daukšienė, EDEN Fellow, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

**14:05 Definitions, scope and ways of thinking around accessibility and equity  
by Tim Coughlan**

Tim Coughlan, Institute of Educational Technology, The Open University, UK

**14:20 The vision of equity and accessibility in digital education through  
knowledge building. Pledge statements:**

1. Fabio Nascimbeni, European Training Foundation
2. Ebba Ossiannilsson, Swedish Association for Open, Flexible and Distance Education
3. Margarita Teresevičienė, Lithuanian Distance and e-Learning Association

**14:35 Discussion and interaction with the speakers, the participants of the  
session and the NordFlexOn country representatives:**

1. Kaisa Honkionen, Association of Finnish eLearning Centre, Finland
2. John Dalsgarö, Directorate of Education, Nordic Network for Adult Learners (NVL)
3. Jørgen Grubbe, Association for Flexible Education in Denmark (FLUID), Denmark
4. Solveig Jakobsdóttir, University of Iceland, School of Education, Iceland
5. Ebba Kjøbber, Flexible Education Norway (FUN), Norway
6. Eleonora Panto, Fondazione Politecnico di Milano, Italy





**14:35**      **Discussion will aim to answer the following questions:**

1. What are the major challenges reported by students and teachers in schools, VET and HE regarding equity and accessibility issues?
2. How can we address the barriers and challenges of equity digital education through knowledge building?
3. How can we improve accessibility and equity during knowledge building events in the Hub?



**15:25**      **Conclusions**

## A Knowledge Building Activity of the European Digital Education Hub

**Context:** The aim of the event is to address the challenges that national and regional associations, as well as individual members of Community of Practice have in their professional practice, but also to discuss the challenges of ensuring the equity of Knowledge building activities in the Hub.

Join us with your experience and know-how to contribute to a report with main guidelines.

**The event will take place in the Knowledge Building channel on the MS Teams platform of the European Digital Education Hub.**

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Hub click here](#)





## Designing Open Online Learning: Inside of MOOCs



### Speaker

Tim Coughlan  
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**Tim Coughlan** is Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Educational Technology at The Open University. His research crosses the areas of Education and Human-Computer Interaction, particularly focused on the design and evaluation of systems that support inclusion, creativity, and openness in learning. Recently, he has been the principal investigator for the ADMINS project, which is developing a virtual assistant for people to declare disabilities and access relevant support, and the British Council funded Digital Decisions project, which is exploring key decisions made as higher education in Sub-Saharan Africa moves to make greater use of online and blended modes of study. He led the development of the microcredential Accessibility and Inclusive Learning and continue to chair the course. Chair of the Securing Greater Accessibility (SeGA) Coordination Group and play a role in steering some of the pan-university activities to make OU study accessible to all.

**Fabio Nascimbeni** works as Human Capital Development Expert at the European Training Foundation (ETF), where he mainly focuses on digitalisation and learning innovation activities. He is a Senior Fellow of the European Distance and eLearning Network (EDEN) and a Fellow of the CEST centre of the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and of the Nexa Centre of the Politecnico di Torino in Italy. Fabio has been active in the field of learning innovation and digital education since 1998, collaborating with different universities and with international institutions such as the European Commission, the ILO and UNICEF. He has designed and coordinated more than 50 research and innovation projects across Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the South Mediterranean and South East Asia. His main research interests are open education, learning innovation, digital literacy, digital inclusion.



### Speaker

Fabio Nascimbeni  
*European Training  
Foundation*





## Designing Open Online Learning: Inside of MOOCs



### Speaker

*Ebba Ossiannilsson  
Swedish Association  
for Open, Flexible and  
Distance Education,  
Sweden*

**Ebba Ossiannilsson** is an independent consultant, expert, influencer and quality auditor in the field of open, flexible online and distance learning (OFDL). Her areas of focus are quality, innovation, leadership, personalized learning, well-being; She is a professor at Victoria College, NZ, She works primarily at the strategic and policy levels, both nationally and internationally, and with major international organizations concerned with quality. She is committed to promoting and improving OFDL in the context of SDG4, the futures of education, and the new social contract for education. Ossiannilsson works with the European Commission, the Joint Research Center, UNESCO OER Dynamic Coalition, ITCILO, ISO and with ICoBC (International Council on Badges and Credentials). She is a member of the Board of ICDE (International Council for Open and Distance Education) and Chair of the ICDE OER Advocacy Committee.

**Margarita Teresevičienė** is President of Lithuania Distance and eLearning Association. Expert of Latvian and Lithuanian study quality centers, member of Lithuanian Association of Distance and e-Learning (LIEDM), Member of the Lithuanian Association of Adult Education (LSSA), Member of the Board of the Social Innovation Fund (SIF). Her research interests and competencies include adult learning, recognition of prior learning, technology enhanced learning. She supervised ten doctoral theses on adult learning and teaches in the study programmes of Andragogy. She has been trainer in variety in-service training programmes of adult educators. Has acted as expert in the field of adult education at the Ministry of Education and Science Republic of Lithuania; expert for Research Council of Lithuania.



### Speaker

*Margarita Teresevičienė  
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Lithuania*





## Designing Open Online Learning: Inside of MOOCs



Moderator

Estela Daukšienė  
Vytautas Magnus  
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**Estela Daukšienė** is a teacher trainer and educator in the Education academy and a Deputy Director at the Institute for Study Innovations in Vytautas Magnus University. She has received her PhD in Education in 2013 with the focus on virtual mobility, thus since then technology application in education is her main research topic. As a researcher in various national and international projects, Estela's research areas also focus on innovations in education, open education resources, education for sustainable development, teacher digital competences, and recently micro-credentials. Educating the future and present teachers and applying technologies while teaching different age pupils require constantly testing different technologies and their value; thus equity and accessibility to use technologies and collaborate in digital communities is a concern for all educators.



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