



Open Educational Resources (OER) in Teaching and Learning in Higher Educational Institutions: New Opportunities and Challenges

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Abstract

Globalization and the rapid development of Information Communication Technology (ICT) have led to an explosion in the use of, and engagement in digital activities in teaching and learning. Burgeoning on the digital explosion, is a growing interest in the use of open educational resources (OER) for learning. But while educators seek to leverage the opportunities for quality education, they also struggle to harness its full potential. The purpose of this paper is to review available literature in order to present an overview of the OER movement - what is known about OER, its challenges and opportunities, and how they have been integrated in institutions of higher education. A paper of this nature is deemed relevant, since even after more than a decade of research and funding, OER still fail to be a part of mainstream curriculum, especially in the Caribbean. It is suggested that there is still need for awareness among practitioners in the education environment in the Caribbean.