

OER Design Studio

Mission, Vision and Values



Our Philosophy

We believe knowledge should be freely accessible, shared, and co-created to transcend barriers. The Fanshawe OER Design Studio is committed to supporting the Fanshawe community and its partners by providing high-quality, accessible, and openly available learning materials.

We envision open education as a catalyst for innovation, where the free exchange of ideas and resources sparks new ways of thinking and solving problems. This approach to education supports lifelong learning, adapts to the needs of diverse learners, and prepares individuals to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Create. Collaborate. Share.

Our Mission

Transform teaching and learning through open practices

Our Vision

“Open learning, leading change”

Our Values

1. **Promote** the use of open resources to educators,
2. **Create** high-quality, learner-focused materials,
3. **Reduce** barriers through equitable access,
4. **Foster** a sense of community and collaboration, and
5. **Provide** experiential learning opportunities for students.

Our Approach

We pursue excellence and access informed by the resources and supports available to us at a given moment. We embrace the idea of “not yetness” as our touchstone: open educational practice is never closed, unchanged, and complete. We believe the spirit of open education requires us to be flexible, adaptive, and proactive in our approach to continuous improvement and growth.





Our Aspirational Goals

We envision a future where OERs are pivotal in shaping the teaching and learning landscape. As a studio, we will strive to:

- **Enhance Our Institutional Impact and Influence:** We aim to increase institutional awareness of open education practices and how we can support the adoption and creation of innovative educational resources, curricula, and methodologies.
- **Expand Our Footprint:** The Studio aspires to grow its presence within the college ecosystem. We aim to create a vibrant hub for educational experimentation, research, and development by collaborating with various departments, faculties, and student bodies.
- **Increase Our Community-Centric Impact:** We envision a future where we extend our reach beyond campus boundaries. We aspire to actively engage with external Fanshawe partners, local businesses, and the wider London community.
- **Empower Student Creators:** We aspire to inspire students to publish their own work, share their insights, and contribute to the broader educational landscape. By fostering a culture of collaboration, creativity, and openness, we envision students as consumers and active creators, shaping the future of learning resources.
- **Pursue Sustainable Funding:** Recognizing that financial stability is crucial for long-term success, the studio sets its sights on securing ongoing funding opportunities. It actively seeks grants, partnerships, and endowments to support its initiatives, ensuring continuity and future growth.
- **Emergence as Provincial Leaders:** The studio dreams of becoming a beacon of educational innovation within the province. By fostering strong ties with other institutions, policymakers, and industry stakeholders, it aims to lead conversations, drive policy changes, and shape the future of education.



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