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What can you do to promote Open Access?

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Engage with the open pedagogy movement

If you're an educator, you can engage with the open pedagogy movement, which is revolutionising how we develop curriculum and design assessments, and contributes to higher student engagement and performance. A key outcome is the development of **Open Educational Resources (OERs)**.

Talk to the Library about open access

You can **talk to the Library** about Open Access at any time if you have questions about finding or re-using content, or how to get started sharing your own content.