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UKOER10: Opening Remarks

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Today's event

- **Keynote speakers:**
- Mary Lou Forward, Chair – OCWC
- Brian Lamb, Emerging Technologies and Digital Content, University of British Columbia

- **Lunchtime:**
- Presentation of the UKOER infokit by Doug Belshaw of InfoNet (1pm)

The roots of UKOER

- Longstanding UK interest in academics using each others materials, but confusion about the issues involved.
- An interest in the OER approach amongst policymakers, particularly MIT, OCWC and the (UK) Open University
- A background in using small projects with an emphasis on sustainable practice as a model for changes in institutional processes

UKOER phase I

subject
14 projects

institution
7 projects

individual
8 projects

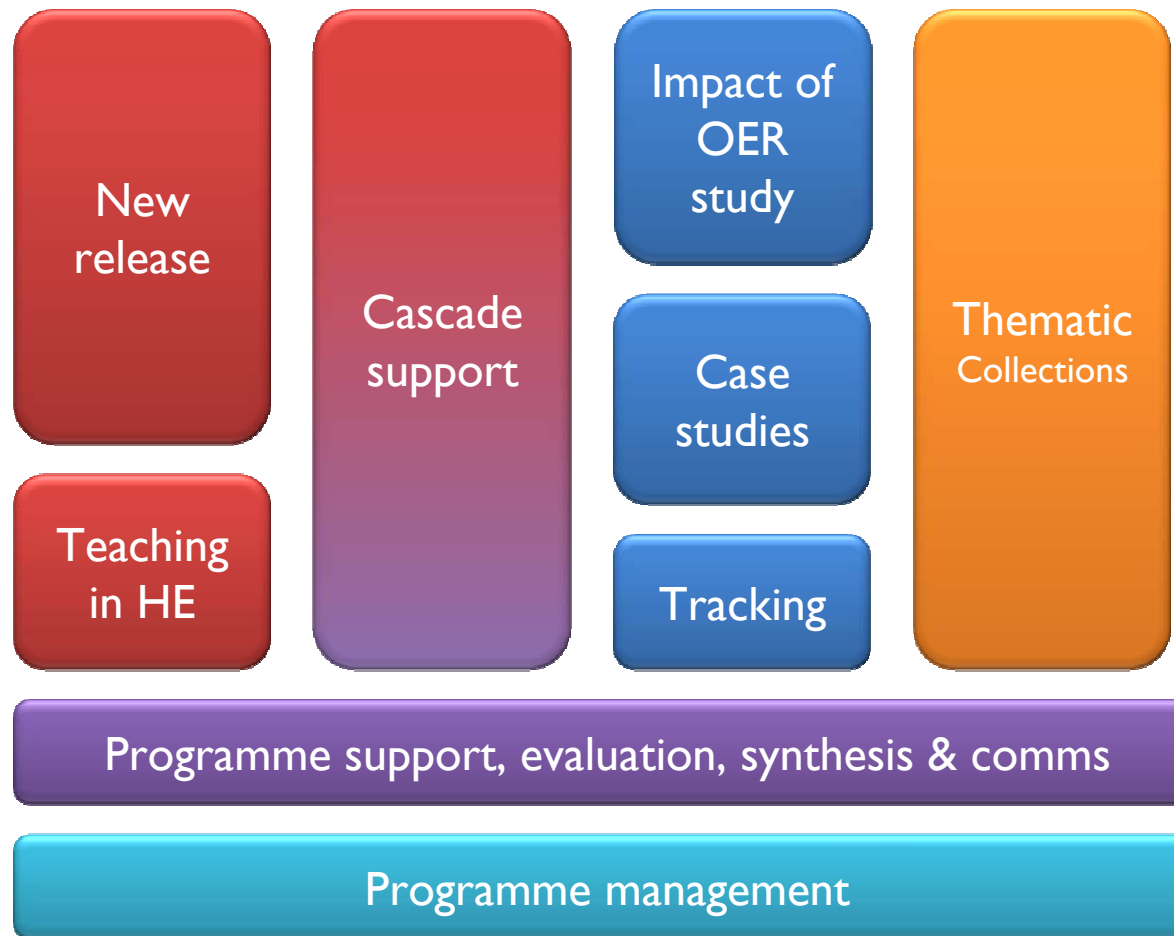
Programme Management

support function – covering technical, legal, strategic advice, workshops, support for deposit and aggregation of materials, communities of practice. Based around existing services.

OER infokit – a “how to” guide for future work

evaluation & synthesis function

UKOER phase 2



The future?

- **Business models?** How can we identify the most appropriate and sustainable business models for OER, building on our UKOER work and Good Intentions report?
- **How do we justify 'open' in the current financial climate?** How do we “sell” OER as an idea to policy makers?
- **Student involvement?** How can we ensure learners get the best deal out of OER? How can we encourage them to release their own OER?
- **Online learning at scale?** How will OER contribute to a growth in online/distance learning (and how will the Online Learning Task Force report enable this)?