2023 Conference Overview

Open Education Global Conference 2023 took place in-person from 16 - 18 October 2023. The conference was co-organized by Open Education Global and Norquest College in Edmonton, Amiskwacîwâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), Alberta, Canada.

The conference was themed “Building a Sustainable World through Open Education”. The program committee’s vision for the final program was informed by the concepts of Two-Eyed Seeing and Braiding.

This year was record-breaking for an in-person conference, with 418 attendees from 29 countries. Conference sessions in two rooms were live-streamed and watched by 442 unique viewers.

Of the total attendees this year, 72% were first-time participants, and 44% represented Open Education Global members.

Finally, we express our gratitude to our two partners and fourteen sponsors.
Key metrics

16 Sponsors

195 Presenters (in attendance)

418 Attendees

29 Countries
Who Attended

Attendee demographic:
The 418 attendees were from 29 countries. Countries with 10 or more attendees included: Canada, United States, Netherlands, Taiwan, United Kingdom.

“OEGlobal 2023 Talking Circle was the deepest and most profound session. Also enjoyed day 0 and the braiding and two-eyed seeing elements and overall positioning of indigenous ways of knowing especially in context of sustainability. Was wonderful to see people in person and reforge connection.”

- Conference attendee
“As I am a newcomer to this conference, I did not expect to feel so instantly connected. I hope to be able to participate for years to come. It would be vital to my success at my institution. I thank you for your sharing and welcoming.”

-Conference attendee
Online attendance

43 Streamed sessions
441 Unique viewers
Presentations, Keynotes, and Activities

- Submitted proposals: 233
- Sessions: 190
- Review committee members: 73
Topics

Open Practices and Communities

Open Education Policies, Strategies, and Capacity Building

Research and Open Education

Open Education, Sustainability, and other Societal Challenges

Local Indigenous Cultures and Open Ways of Knowing

Open Ed Tech

The Wildcards

“I appreciated the intentionality with which Indigenous knowledge was uplifted and discussed within the context of this conference. I look forward to more work being done in this area.”

-Conference attendee
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Motivations to attend

How well did OEGlobal23 meet those expectations?
95% gave it a score of 4 or 5 stars! ⭐️

Source: OEGlobal 2023 Conference Survey

The gift of multiple perspectives: Darrion said this in his keynote. How two-eyed seeing and braiding can bring us to see the gift of multiple perspectives, that all perspectives are equally valuable and indeed necessary as we move forward together.

- Padlet respondent
Social Events

Sun Oct 15
Indigenous Peoples Experience at Fort Edmonton Park (Pre-Conference Event)

Mon Oct 16
Chateau Lacombe: Welcome And Networking Social Event

Tues Oct 17
NorQuest College: Reception

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Media: Press

“Open Education Global 2023 Conference to take place in Edmonton, Amiskwacîwâskahikan, Alberta, Canada”

299 reprints in online media

Distribution
Canada, Ireland, UK, USA

“Annual Open Education Global Conference Gains Strong Support from 15 Organizations in Diverse Sectors”

296 reprints in online media

Distribution
Canada, USA
Throughout the year, the conference website remains the main information portal for the conference. The figures below show the year's statistics - with the peak period around the event shown in green.

### Emailers

11 emails sent to 11000+ subscribed open educators
Media: Social Media

Below are the social media channels where the excitement by the attendees wishing to attend the event was built over 2023. Join the conversations on these platforms!

Twitter X
11,944 followers
95 posts

Facebook
14,078 followers
69 posts

LinkedIn
22,222 followers
81 posts

Instagram
41 followers
23 posts

Mastodon
253 followers
Immensely privileged to be a part of the OE Global Conference 2023, where the keynote speech by Cable Green, Director of Open Knowledge at Creative Commons, truly shone a light on the significance of "Open Education".

As a volunteer, it was an incredible experience to witness how Cable Green's powerful words resonated deeply, emphasizing, "If we are going to solve the world's biggest problems, the knowledge & culture about them must be open." His insightful guidance on navigating the complexities of publishing and copyrights in academia was truly enlightening. Encouraging researchers to retain their copyrights and leverage Open Access with open licenses to share their works marks a pivotal step towards fostering a culture of accessible knowledge for all.

For more on Cable Green's keynote, check out the details here: https://global.{}

A huge shoutout to Cable Green for his inspiring keynote, and to the entire OE Global Conference 2023 for facilitating these critical discussions on the role of Open Education in shaping a more inclusive and collaborative future.

OEGlobal23 OEGlobal OEOpenEducation OEcreativecommons OEOpenAccess OEGlobalChallenges OEResearch OECommunity OEInclusiveEducation
It was an absolute honor to be one of the keynotes at the 20 Education Global conference. The recording and slides of my "Knowledge" talk are now online: https://oeglobal2023.sched.com/diamond-open-knowledge-openEd23-diamondDA-Creative-Commons

We invite you to save the date for the OEG Live session – Don't miss it!

Tremendously excited to be back at an open education conference with an international audience of educators, scholars, and practitioners. Some sessions appear to be streaming with links from the program oeglobal2023.sched.com/

A visual thinkery remixed postcard greeting to the many friends at OEGlobal, openeducation, SustainableOpenFuture, ChooseOpen, ExploreEdmonton.
Media: OEG Connect

OEG Connect is OEGlobal’s community space for open educators. Anyone can join conversations or start a new ones. Data below reflects activity throughout October 2023.

- 201 Posts*
- 77,600 Page Views
- 76 Topics
- 48 Signups
- 697 User Visits

*36 OEGlobal 2023–specific pages

“More of this! I love the student helpers - they were wonderful, I thought the keynotes were thoughtful, action orientated and provocative.”

-Conference attendee
# Engagement with Sponsors and Partners on OEG Connect

**Total views: 1,877**

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See you at OEGlobal 2024 in Brisbane, Australia!

Save the Date:
13-15 November 2024

Sources

- Open Education Global Conference 2023 - Livestream Stats Oct15-Oct18
- OEGlobal 2023 Conference Survey
- OEGlobal Conference 2023 Google Analytics
- OEG Connect Dashboard
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