2016 Festival of Learning Guest Speaker

*Guest Speaker:*

Wayne Mackintosh, Director of the Open Education Resource Foundation

**Biography information**

Wayne Mackintosh is the Director of the Open Education Resource Foundation, an independent non-profit organisation headquartered at Otago Polytechnic where he holds the UNESCO and ICDE Chairs in Open Educational Resources (OER).

The OER Foundation is coordinating the establishment of the OERu, an international network of universities, polytechnics and community colleges which aims to widen access to more affordable education for all.

Wayne has extensive international experience in educational technology, learning design and the theory and practice of open and distance learning (ODL). Previously, he was Education Specialist, eLearning and ICT policy at the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), an intergovernmental organisation based in Vancouver, Canada. Before joining COL he was Associate Professor and founding director of the Centre for Flexible and Distance Learning (CFDL) at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. At the University of Auckland, he was tasked with eLearning strategy and leading CFDL's professional staff team. Prior to moving to New Zealand he spent eleven years working at the University of South Africa (UNISA), a distance learning institution and one of the world's mega-universities. Wayne has participated in a range of international consultancies and projects including work for COL, the International Monetary Fund, UNESCO and the World Bank. Wayne is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Wikimedia Foundation and the advisory panel for Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Plenary Session - The Global Classroom: Towards an open First year of study**

Wayne Mackintosh is the 2016 Festival of Learning guest speaker. This session will provide insights into the Global Classroom. Wayne will highlight aspects relating to open design, open pedagogy and interesting technologies being used to facilitate global classrooms.
**Digital Skill Challenges Using OER: Hands-On Workshop**

This session is a workshop where participants will be able to experience hand-on, the digital challenges using OER. If you aren’t familiar with OER’s this will provide good grounding to explore learning, teaching and research materials available in the public domain.

The session is in the collaborative learning spaces 105.107 but please bring your own notebook/laptop to have a personalised experience.