Open School BC (OSBC) is an educational resource developer and publisher housed within the Business, Technology and Online Services Division of the BC Ministry of Education. Established in 1919 as Canada’s first correspondence school, OSBC has evolved with into an award winning developer of online resources and multimedia\(^1\) for the K-12 and public sector. Recently we have moved into the development and distribution of Open Education Resources for the K-12 sector. Ensuring resources meet the quality standards\(^2\) outlined by the ministry, and align with the philosophy supported by UNESCO in the Paris Declaration has been a challenge. Much of the global emphasis to date has been on higher education. However, Open School BC has launched its own K-12 open course resource site, and made additional independent learning objects available on its OER site. Copyright, formats, and privacy impacts are amongst the issues we have had to address before launching this service. Our Best Practices session will address lessons learned and how K-12 differs from the higher education, as well as demo the OSBC site as an example of how OERs can work in a K-12 environment.

\(^1\) Canadian Network of Innovation in Education (CNIIE) awarded Open School BC the Award of Distinction: Best Overall Production, and the Outstanding Example Award for Interactive Media (Government) in 2008 and also in 2009. 2010 Environmental Health Review Award (Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors) 2011 Grundtvig Award for Excellence in Adult Education (European Association for Adult Education).

\(^2\) [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dist_learning/docs/dl_standards.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dist_learning/docs/dl_standards.pdf)