



OSC-W Newsletter May 2026

Hello Open Science Community,

This month we have a packed issue for you!

We're excited to share the recipients of the OpenUp Your Education Grant, and invite you to meet them in person at the TLC Education Station on June 2nd. We're also pre announcing our upcoming OSC-W event on generative AI and Open Science, and we'd love your input on it. Beyond that, there's the National Open Science Festival & Barcamp to look forward to, a hands-on Open Hardware course worth putting in your calendar, and a thought-provoking webinar on the pressures facing scientific publishing today.

But first, a warm welcome to our newest member of the OSC-W
Organising team Nazwa Tahsin!

P.S. As always, the newsletter looks much better if you click the "Online version" link at the top of this mail.

Coming June 2026

GenAI & Open Science



OSC-W Event: GenAI for FAIRer Data

We're busy planning our next event, "GenAI for FAIRer data". The first of a series exploring the intersection of Generative AI and Open Science.

If you use generative AI to help you make your research (data) more open and would like to share your experiences, we would love to hear from you.

Get in touch →

GO OPEN

Congratulations to the WUR OpenUp Your Education Grant Recipients!

Last month, we shared the call for the OpenUp Your Education Grant, and now we're delighted to share the results. Three projects have been selected from a strong field of 25 applications, and it's encouraging to see so many educators embracing open educational practices. The grant committee noted that the quality of submissions made the final selection no easy task. Over the coming year, the recipients will work to develop

high-impact open educational resources that will enrich teaching and learning inside and outside WUR.

Meet the recipients:

Francesca Leucci, Camilla Ramezzano & Jay Marisca Gietzelt:

Open Toolkit for Decolonized, Just and Inclusive Sustainability Education

This project will develop an open toolkit that helps teachers integrate "nature-speaking" and indigenous and local knowledge perspectives into their education. Rather than creating entirely new materials, the team will focus on adapting, curating, and organising existing pedagogical practices and resources to make them findable and reusable.

Mattijs Smits:

From Reader to Open Access Textbook: Social Dimensions of Environmental Transformations

This project will transform an offline reader into an interactive open textbook on the social and political dimensions of environmental change – an interdisciplinary topic for which no dedicated book currently exists. The textbook will be used across introductory courses at WUR and fills a gap worldwide with a European-based, non-Eurocentric approach combining environmental policy, sociology, and other social sciences.

David Katzin:

Open Education in Greenhouse Modelling

David will develop e-learning modules for greenhouse modelling, equipping students with the skills to use, create, adjust, and share greenhouse models on an open-science platform. The modules will guide both students and teachers in working with the Kassim model and GreenLight platform.

Keep reading for an opportunity to learn more about the projects.

TLC – Teaching & Learning Centre

OpenUp Your Education Education Station

GO OPEN

Tuesday June 2nd • 12:30 –16:00 • Atlas B.001

Drop in throughout the afternoon, no registration needed

Grant Recipient Pitches

13:15 – 14:00

Three recipients present
their OpenUp Your
Education Grant projects.

Copyright Workshop

14:15 – 15:00

CC Licenses for Open
Educational Resources
explained

Questions & Connections

15:00 & throughout

Space for inspiration,
networking & exploring
open education together

Event: TLC Education Station - OpenUp Your Education

When: Tuesday, June 2nd, 12:30–16:00 (drop in throughout)

Where: Atlas (B.001)

Registration: Not required, everyone is welcome!

On Tuesday, **June 2nd**, the TLC Education Station is dedicated to open education. The session is a great opportunity to learn about open educational resources, meet the recipients of the OpenUp Your Education Grant, and connect with others interested in sharing and reusing educational materials.

Here's what to expect:

- The grant recipients will present their projects
- A short workshop on copyright and Creative Commons licences
- Space for questions, inspiration, and connection

Full programme:

12:30–13:00 - Walk-in

13:00–13:15 - Introduction to Open Education

13:15–14:00 - Project pitches & Q&A

14:15–15:00 - Copyright & CC-licences workshop

15:00–16:00 - Exploring support needs

More Information →



Course: Open Hardware in the Lab: DIY using 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC | VLAG

Where: Wageningen Campus

When: 28 September & 2, 5, 9 October 2026

Registration: Discount price deadline 10 July 2026

Ever wanted to build your own lab equipment? This 1.2 ECTS VLAG Graduate School course teaches researchers how to go from idea to physical object using 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC milling, all key tools for Open Hardware. No prior experience needed, and you're encouraged to bring a design challenge from your own research.

[More information & registration →](#)



Event: OSC-NL Barcamp 13th October & National Open Science Festival 14th October

Having participated in the Barcamp in 2024 and 2025, and the festival in 2025, I can fully recommend attending both (my personal favourite is the Barcamp).

The Barcamp format has no predetermined programme, “unconference” style; topics are proposed and chosen on the spot by attendees. If you have any ideas you would like to discuss with a group outside of WUR, this is a great space to do so.

The Festival is a more formal event, with keynote speakers and an arranged programme; there is currently an open call for contributions for topics and/or workshop sessions at the festival.

Barcamp - Tuesday 13 October 2026

[Registration](#)

Festival - Wednesday 14 October 2026

[Registration](#)



Peer Community In

Webinar series



March 19th 2026

The Drain of Scientific Publishing: why publishing is becoming a burden for science and how to fix it
by **Paolo Crosetto**

<https://peercommunityin.org/pci-webinar-series/>

Video: Paolo Crosetto: Why publishing is becoming a burden for science and how to fix it

In this Peer Community In webinar, economist Paolo Crosetto argues that the current publishing system is holding science back, and explores what we can do about it. Worth a watch.

Watch the video →

That's all for now

Thank you for reading this issue of the OSC-W newsletter.

I hope you found the content interesting and good starting points for discussion.

I would love to hear your feedback on the OSC-W newsletter and your desires for the OSC-W as a whole. If you would like to share your (anonymous) opinion there is a form [here](#), or you can contact me directly at ben.excell@wur.nl.

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