

# Massive Open Online Courses

## *Theme Group Report*

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# What are MOOCs ?

MOOC

**Massive Online Open Courses**

What they offer

- Open access
- Free
- Available to all
- Online
- Any time, any place

Participants can (and do) drop in for part of the course, to address a perceived need or wish for knowledge/skills

# No need to “fail”

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for Bicycles.

**With MOOCs everyone can do it over until they get it!**



**You Tube**

Broadcast Yourself



**KHAN**  
ACADEMY



**TED** Ideas worth spreading

## MAJOR MOOC PLAYERS

coursera

UDACITY

edX

Several existing groups who currently run MOOCs on a very wide range of topics

To date, no courses re: EBHC

This looks like a job for... ????

# Our Theme Group's Thoughts:

- A MOOC for EBHC would be of interest and useful for several groups with an interest or involvement in making health care decisions.
- Building such a MOOC would be feasible given the experience and experience in this group.

**YES, WE CAN**

# Or can we?.....

- Isolation of participants
  - Geographical and professional
- Access to technology
- Language and cultural barriers
- Sustainability
- Funding
- Community groups
- Download material/App
- Course structure specific to
  - Experience
  - Culture
  - Language
- Wide range of potential funding sources
- Institutional backing enhances sustainability

# MOOCs and EBHC

- Could be taken by anyone interested in decisions about health
  - Rural health care providers
  - Patients
  - Experienced, well educated health care providers of all types wanting to understand better
  - Health care administrators and policy makers
- Could potentially enhance understanding of EBP and its significance to health care in all of the above



# Our plan

- Sicily statement on MOOCs and EBHC
- Smaller working groups to further consider range of issues related to MOOCs and EBHC



# Further Considerations

- Collaborators
- Materials
- Umbrella (ISEHC, CASP International Network, GIMBE, Own identity?)
- Contributing organizations
- Administrative centre
- Methods
- Modular approach
- Financial models
- Sustainability
- Assessment
- Certification
- Generation of evidence? (Quality assured CAT bank)

