Train the Trainers for OPEN EDUCATION: The Role of Master Teachers (who train the trainers)

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Is there anything New?

**Classical TOT**
- Learner Centric
- Experiential
- Context Relevant
- Applied
- Selection of resources
- Diversity of Learning
- Stimulating
- Fun
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Differing EXPECTATIONS?
Differing paradigms?
New learning Paradigms are Necessarily OPEN
New Learning Paradigms: Releasing the Genie/ the fairy

**NOT OPEN**

- From the boundaries of a text-based book (+)
- From classroom cells
- From pre-determined learning time allocations needed for the production line learning system
- From everyone being forced to fit the one size (and somehow expecting this to work)
- ... 

**OPEN**

- no boundaries (only bounded by the imagination of the teacher or the learner)
- unbounded learning spaces (physical and virtual)
- to learning time suitable for the learner.
- Learning that match different learners’ preferences and capabilities
- ...
The Difference is Training a Trainer with a LOT More Skills
Pianist

• Solo Player
• Sticks to the scores and perfects playing a piece
• Audience has no choice but to listen
• .....irrespective of their taste
• Time
• ....
Super Musician

• Composer
• Stand-up Comedian
• Maestro
• Jump in and play with the orchestra
• Improvise on the fly (like Jazz)
• Folk singer – engage the audience
• .....
Training of:

Pianist Trainers VS. Super Musician Trainers

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Role of the Teachers that Train

PIANIST Trainers

SUPER MUSICIAN Trainers
Training Super Musician Trainers is the Easy Part
How can we train the teachers???
We CAN’T!!
What can be done???