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ABOUT P2PU

Peer 2 Peer University, Inc. (P2PU) is a grassroots open education initiative that champions learning outside of institutional walls using innovative, open, peer-driven design. Conducting research, building showcases and consulting on learning design, P2PU builds tools and methods for the open web, sharing our research and building courses with peer-2-peer pedagogy and community at their heart.

HOW IT WORKS

- We provide our community of educational experimenters with everything they need to implement great open peer-to-peer learning projects.
- We inform and inspire by sharing best practices, how-tos and reports.
- We document the best open software tools and how to use them.
- We run courses on open peer-to-peer learning.
- We build showcase courses with partners to test our ideas about peer learning online. We facilitate connections between researchers, and share research findings on the principles and methods of social learning in compelling ways.

MISSION:

Showing people how to combine open tools and open content with peer-to-peer pedagogy to bring connected learning to the web.

TIMELINE

- **June 2014** - School of Open Africa launches, with courses run face to face in Kenya & South Africa, and Nigeria and Ethiopia to follow in late 2014.
- **December 2013** - P2PU named by Peter Gabriel on Wired magazine Smart List as one of the projects that will shape the future of the web.
- **October 2013** - P2PU and NYU run Play With Your Music, a MOOC designed to teach users to remix music in their browsers. Over 5,000 people sign up.
- **July 2013** - Over 100 badges created by P2PU users.
- **April 2013** - P2PU wins Open Courseware Consortium ACE Award for MOOC Maker.
- **March 2013** - P2PU launches badges.p2pu.org - a community-driven platform which allows anyone to create and assign badges.

- **January 2013** - P2PU and the Media Lab launch Learning Creative Learning, a simultaneous online and face-to-face course with the MIT Media Lab.
- **September 2012** - P2PU Executive Director Philipp Schmidt takes up residency at MIT Media Lab.
- **August 2012** - P2PU launches its Mechanical MOOC - first ever "headless", automated MOOC - along with partners at MIT OpenCourseWare, Codecademy and OpenStudy. The Gentle Intro to Python attracts over 3,000 signups.
- **July 2012** - P2PU and Creative Commons launch the School of Open.
- **March 2012** - P2PU pioneers the "challenge" model of open learning, allowing learners the flexibility to shape their own learning pathways. This model pioneers the non-linear approach to online learning.
- **February 2012** - P2PU and Open Knowledge Foundation launch the School of Data to teach data wrangling skills.
- **January 2012** - P2PU Badges featured in [Wall Street Journal](#) and [Washington Post](#).
- **November 2011** - P2PU drafts Badges Whitepaper, which prototypes the use of badges as meaningful credentials for web developers.
- **August 2011** - P2PU launches the School of Ed, a community devoted to professional development for K-12 teachers.
- **April 2011** - P2PU receives grant from Hewlett Foundation to track and validate deeper learning in online peer learning.
- **January 2011** - P2PU affiliates launch courses as The P2PU School of the Mathematical Future and The P2PU School of Social Innovation.
- **July 2010** - P2PU and Mozilla launch the School Of Webcraft. Over 3000 people sign up and our servers crash.
- **June 2010** - Joi Ito runs a Digital Journalism course at Keio University in Japan simultaneously online on P2PU. To our knowledge, this was the first time this type of learning experiment has taken place.
- **February 2010** - First non-English courses launch - Spanish and Portuguese courses translated by the community.
- **September 2009** - P2PU founded by several life-long learners who knew there had to be a better way to deliver learning online. 7 pilot courses launched and the learning begins.

PARTNERS & COMMUNITY

Our Partners

Creative Commons - [School of Open](#)

Open Knowledge - [School of Data](#)

Mozilla - [School of Webmaking](#)

[Internet of Things](#)

MIT Media Lab - [Learning Creative Learning](#)

MIT Open Courseware - [Mechanical MOOC](#)

NYU Steinhardt School - [Play With Your Music](#)

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HEADQUARTERS

We're a totally virtual and distributed organisation - the Web is our headquarters. You can find us at www.p2pu.org and #p2pu on Twitter

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOW TO WRITE "P2PU"

P2PU or Peer 2 Peer University

MULTIMEDIA

Images

P2PU Flickr Stream: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/p2pu/>
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Video

You can see a collection of our public governance calls, roundtable discussions and community calls [here](#):

Audio

You can hear some stories from staff and community members in our [Soundcloud group](https://soundcloud.com/groups/what-goes-down-at-p2pu):
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LOGO

You can access a small, medium and large png of our logo [here](#).