

## ***Introduction***

Sylvia Currie shared her story about the open, emergent, sharing community that she's hosted for many years - [SCOPE](#). Her story focused on the open seminars that were offered regularly in the beginning - now on hold.

## **Name(s)**

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## SCoPE seminars in a nutshell

- Monthly (almost) asynchronous discussions and other learning activities
- Facilitated by volunteers, ranging from novice to expert
- Free and open to the public, no registration required
- No obligations to 'actively' participate

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## Design considerations

- Participation on the periphery
- Attention to history
- Rhythm and variety, build anticipation
- Focus on people and dialogue, not content
- Focus on structure, not what to 'cover'
- Ideas for activities emerge through participation
- Mutual exchange of services / collaboration
- Different modes and levels of engagement

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## OPEN does change things

- Potentially more complex
- Design for the unknown?
- New possibilities
- Emerging and multiple facilitators
- New formats
- Less control
- More flexible
- Selective attention

## Using the wrong metaphor?



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