What is eep?

- eep is...
  - educational evidence portal (UK)
    - a web portal
    - contains evidence that is intended to be useful to a wide education audience
  - a collaborative venture with limited resources
  - still growing and developing
eep as a tool

- easy access to evidential material from multiple sources
- choice of methods for searching
  - wide but noisy
  - more selective but less populous
- suitable for busy people in any part of education system
  - practitioners of all kinds
  - leaders, service managers
  - local authorities and government
  - lay people – parents, employers, governors etc
  - teacher trainers and trainees

eep as a nucleus for collaboration

- a practical activity for organisations wanting to work on evidence utilisation
- set up and managed as an open collective project
- individuals and organisations enabled to offer whatever they can
  - expertise (e.g. info science, IT)
  - Funding
  - services (web, marketing)
**eer as a development project**

- developing and trying out innovations for users
  - e.g. Resource Areas for people wanting selected material highlighted
  - e-newsletter for user community
  - seeking coordination with related evidence tools – TTRB, CERUKplus

**eer as a research environment (1)**

- development and evaluation of a new search engine based on text mining
- taxonomy consultation and testing to develop common categories across all sectors
eep as a research environment (2)

- The text mining search engine
  - developed by the National Centre for Text Mining, Manchester, UK
  - evaluated by the EPPI-Centre
- The education taxonomy
  - why is (yet another) taxonomy needed?
  - its development
eep as an element in a national evidence system

- one of a plethora of related initiatives with separate origins
- they add up to beginnings of a national evidence centre
- contributions include:
  - generation of sound evidence (e.g. iee)
  - reviewing evidence systematically (e.g. EPPI, Campbell)
  - making evidence from multiple sources accessible (eep, TTRB)
  - transforming research evidence for practical use (e.g. TLRP tasters)
  - encouraging practitioner contribution to research (various schemes and centres)
  - skills and support for using evidence (Curee, Intute)
  - recognition of research use in CPD (Teacher Learning Academy, Institute for Learning)
the eep contribution to the evidence movement

• demonstrating that collaboration works
• providing a centre for collaborators to come together
• providing an independent safe space for all - not academic, not ITT, not Government
• using a tool as a vehicle to demonstrate practical ways of advancing the evidence movement

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