

Universities and open infrastructures

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Abstract

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[This effort](#) is calling for more universities to go into the direction of open infrastructures. I am looking forward to seeing all Dutch Universities post news on Mastodon, post videos on PeerTube, etc.

Would it not be awesome if the Fediverse would become the new multidimensional knowledge dissemination and peer review system we have all been waiting for?

Update: universities with a Mastodon listed in Wikidata on the world map: <https://w.wiki/6zR3>