

BERA Facilities for Educational Researchers

<http://www.bera.ac.uk>

- The BERA website enables free, anytime access to a huge array of research resources.
- Users need only to visit the website and choose **Resources** on the front page.
- There is no requirement to be registered.
- The 'search' facility is currently very basic but a new more sophisticated system is under development.
- The 'search' facility requires a keyword. For example, typing the word 'ethnography' will find 31 resources at present.
- Details of the providers of the resources are provided on the first page of the **Resources** link.

• BERA Facilities for WERA

<http://groups.tlrp.org>

- BERA acts as host for a virtual resource environment (VRE) or 'community' worksite for WERA.
- The facility is currently offered through the Teaching and Learning Research Programme (TLRP) but will be absorbed in due course by BERA.
- Members of WERA Council have access but require to be registered first (through Jeremy Hoad, jeremy.hoad@bera.ac.uk).
- The community worksite offers facilities that include:
 - 'announcements' for broadcasting to members;
 - a 'chat room';
 - e-mailing and an e-mail archive;
 - a 'wiki' for collaborative writing;
 - a repository for documents (e.g. all WERA Council minutes etc are currently stored in this repository);
 - a calendar.
- While little use is being made of this facility at present it is likely to expand in the short to medium-term.

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