

Community

The Open Up Math community consists of Mathematics lecturers of the four Dutch technical universities:

- Delft University of Technology
- Eindhoven University of Technology
- University of Twente
- Wageningen University and Research

At a later stage, Mathematics teachers from other universities (inside or outside the Netherlands) could be added to the community. A short study revealed the following information on this community.

Many 4TU Mathematics instructors indicated they already feel part of a community, but their time is precious. It has become clear that a community as well as a central platform to share materials are desirable. In order to start sharing, teachers would like to know who needs what. The challenge is that people produce their own materials, but seem to be reluctant to make use of others' materials. A culture of trust and sharing needs to be in place, which indicates that an emphasis should be put primarily on bringing people together, supported (secondary) by a platform.

Furthermore, most teachers prefer to have community meetings locally. The plan of holding central meetings only once a year (like the above mentioned InterTU Study day) seems doable. For the central meeting, a social aspect, next to content aspects, is demanded. During the project, it became apparent that a "community manager" preferably is someone who already is part of the community (a figurehead). He or she probably needs some organizational support and maybe some student assistants for technical support.