Why did the Open Skills Network form?

Much of the data needed to support skills-based education and hiring already exists; but this data is siloed, not easily accessible nor machine-actionable, making the switch to skills-based practices for most employers and education institutions an expensive and manual effort. The OSN seeks to solve this problem by creating a decentralized network of open, accessible, machine-actionable skills libraries.

Our Goals

- Create the foundation to advance a more equitable labor market.
- Empower learner-workers to understand and communicate the value of their skills, talent, and experiences.
- Eliminate barriers to implementing skill-based education and hiring practices across industry sectors at scale.

Current Partners

“We believe that skills-based education and employment practices will bring greater opportunity to learners and workers across the nation, who seek to understand the skills they need to succeed and find jobs that match their skillsets.”

– Andy Trainor
Vice President of Learning
Walmart