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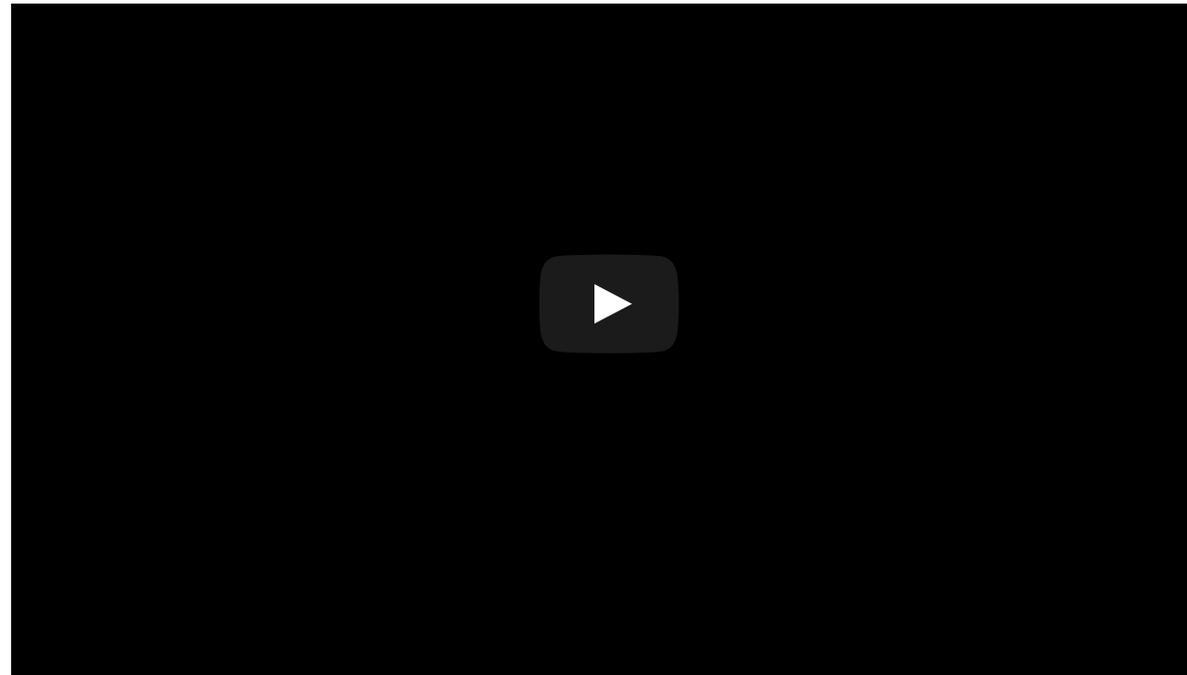
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## Open Educational Badges



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As the video says, Open Badges are like the badges you used to get as a scout or girl guide! As a lecturer you can set the criteria, design your badge and issue it to students who have produced evidence of them meeting your criteria. The badges can then be displayed in myCourse.

***"A digital badge is an online representation of a skill you've earned. Open Badges take that concept one step further, and allows you to verify your skills, interests and achievements through credible organizations. And because the system is based on an open standard, you can combine multiple badges from different issuers to tell the complete story of your achievements — both online and off. Display your badges wherever you want them on the web, and share them for employment, education or lifelong learning."***

**Mozilla Open Badges:** <http://openbadges.org/about/>

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## Earn a badge!

**To demonstrate how easy it is for students to earn badges, you're invited to earn one yourself!**

In the navigation panel on your left you will see a dropdown link with the words 'Course badges'. In there you will find the 'Badge Explorer' badge (see right) that can be earned by completing the activity below:

1. Explore page content
2. think of ways of using badges with your students
3. Submit your thoughts via the 'Claim your badge' submission link

More details can be found via the 'Activity details' page below:

 Activity details

 Claim your badge



## What are Open Badges (and why use them)?

Here are a few resources that will give you an overview of what Open Badges are.

# Open Badges: an overview

Dr. Doug Belshaw  
Mozilla Foundation



7 Things you should know about badges (Edudemic)



What are Open Badges (JISC)



Nice infographic to show how badges work (Mozilla)



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## How to make your badges

Firstly, you need to decide what your badge 'means'. What do your students have to do to achieve it? For this example we will create a badge to award students for working on Live briefs or with Live Clients. Here you can add a element of 'Gamification' by introducing the concept of levels:

- **Bronze award:** 1 live client or briefs
- **Silver award:** 3 live clients or briefs
- **Gold award:** 5 live clients or briefs

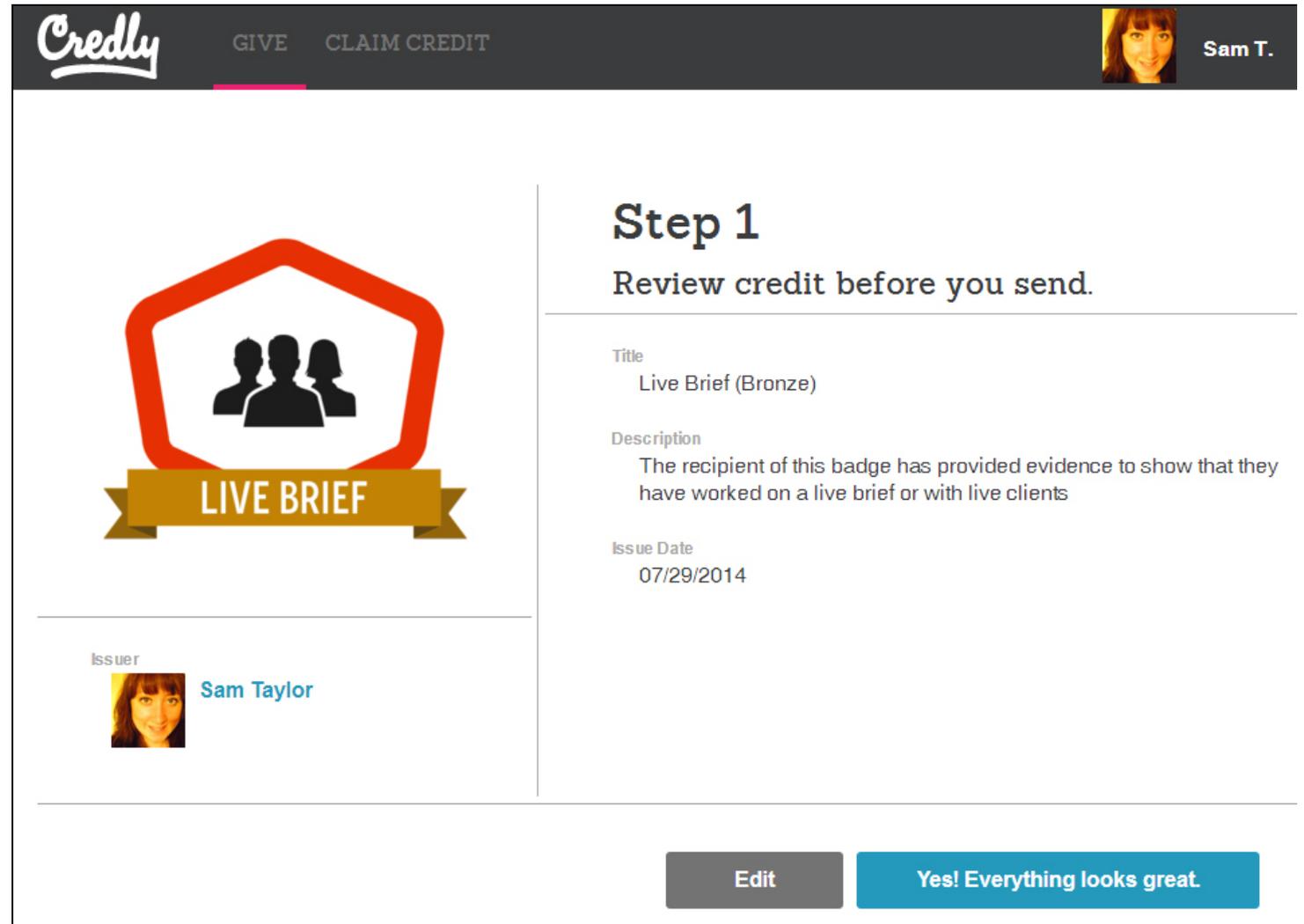
You can create your own badges using Photoshop, Paint, PowerPoint - or any software that you feel comfortable using. You can also use a variety of badge-making sites that are free:

 Badge Maker

 Credly

 OpenBadges.me

Below is a screenshot of a badge that has just been designed using Credly. This badge is the Bronze award for working on a live brief or with a live client:



The screenshot shows the Credly interface. At the top, the Credly logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'GIVE' and 'CLAIM CREDIT' are in the center. On the right, there is a user profile for 'Sam T.' with a small photo. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column features a large badge design: a red pentagon outline containing three black silhouettes of people, with a gold ribbon at the bottom that says 'LIVE BRIEF'. The right column is titled 'Step 1' and contains the instruction 'Review credit before you send.' Below this, there are three sections: 'Title' with the text 'Live Brief (Bronze)', 'Description' with the text 'The recipient of this badge has provided evidence to show that they have worked on a live brief or with live clients', and 'Issue Date' with the text '07/29/2014'. At the bottom left of the main area, there is an 'Issuer' section with a photo of Sam Taylor and the name 'Sam Taylor'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: a grey 'Edit' button and a blue 'Yes! Everything looks great.' button.

## How to issue your badges

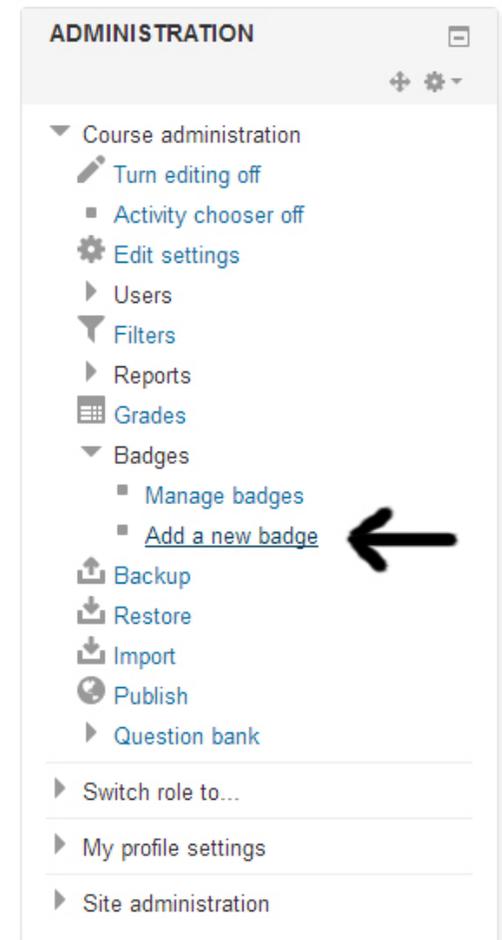
There are so many ways to issue your badges; myCourse has its own built in badge issuing system that can be used by anyone. Most of the badge creating sites will also allow for issuing (you just need to have your students' email addresses to hand!).

### **In a nut shell: How to issue badges from your myCourse Unit**

Below is a quick overview of how to issue badges through myCourse - you'll be given a more detailed tutorial when you meet with a member of Learning Technologies.

1. To issue badges from myCourse you will need to be in a unit that you have editing rights for and have your pre-made badge ready. Look for the badges link in the administration panel on the left of your unit/course page (see image to the right). There you will be able to click on the drop-down arrow and locate the 'Add a new badge' link.
2. Next you will need to give your badge a title, description, upload your badge image, fill in your details and press 'create badge'.
3. Next you add the criteria (ie how do your students claim their badge). In this page badges are linked to the submission link - when your submission has been approved your badge is issued automatically. There are other ways of issuing badges but these can be explained during a 1-2-1 session with a member of Learning Technologies.
4. Once you have set-up your badge & criteria for issue, you then make it available to your class.

Your students will receive an automatic email from myCourse to tell them that they have been award a badge for their work/achievement. This will then be displayed in the profile and can be shared on their other online profiles (LinkedIn, Blog etc) via their Mozilla Backpack.



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## Badges 'MOOC'

Below is an open course that has been created by P2PU on '101 What are Open Badges':

### ***An introduction to open badges.***

*\*Soon to be part of the School of Badges here at P2PU.*

*Your goals include: joining and participate in the Google group, getting connected with companies like Badgestack, reading related books and articles, blogging as a means of documenting my learning, and starting conversations about badges on Twitter and FB.*



An Introduction to Open Badges (6 hour course)

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## Case Studies



Open Badges at Borders College



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## Useful links and further resources



White Paper on Open Badges for Lifelong Learning



Digital Me: Badge the UK



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