Mr. Danoff's <http://mr.danoff.org> submission
to Ideas For A Better Internet <http://twitter.com/Ideas4BetterNet>.

Questions from Submission form:
https://spreadsheets0.google.com/embeddedform?
formkey=dGZmSEoyb3R4YkFMWVVVT0VJdzd3YXc6MQ

What is your big idea? Why does it matter? *How will your solution work? (Also briefly include what it will take to implement your proposal, who it will take, etc.) (350 words maximum)*

      With the introduction of Open Educational Resources (OER), Open Courseware (OCW) and Open Access (OA) articles [going forward all will be included under OER] and more education is evolving in exciting ways. The problem at the moment is the various individuals and institutions doing the work are doing so in different, isolated corners of the internet.

      Given all the materials are licensed for re-use by definition, I propose a central place where all the work done on OER feeds into, organized by both topic and copyright license.

      At this central place a student or teacher could go to "Physics", "Art History" or "CCASA" on this new site and see all their options for OER across the internet, and then those resources could be re-mixed and combined quickly and easily. Additionally this would be a place for users to rate the resources, so people would not be forced to waste time sorting through poorly done, or incomplete OER.

      To implement we need hackers who can find a way to easily take all the OER from their origin site and put them into the new central place. Of course they would have to accurately attribute the source and follow its copyright license. Hackers would then make the site navigation friendly and make it easy to rate OER. Ideally we could get the leaders from these groups sitting around the same table to discuss how to best make this central place, but given the resources are licensed for re-use this is not necessary.

Has it been tried before? *If so, why is your proposal different, or why is it likely to succeed where others have failed? If not, why do you think it would work? (150 words maximum)*

      Below is a list of sites producing amazing stuff for teachers and learners around the world, all of which should be sent to one central place for cataloging, organizing and rating. Note this is by no means an exhaustive list.

http://www.ocwconsortium.org/members/members
http://oerblogs.org/
http://creativecommons.org/education
http://www.oercommons.org/
http://wikiversity.org/
http://p2pu.org/
http://opencontent.org/
http://www.khanacademy.org/
http://www.okfn.org/
http://freeknowledge.eu/
http://cnx.org/

http://wikieducator.org/Main_Page
http://www.oerafrica.org/
http://www.doaj.org/
http://www.fhsst.org/
http://www.saylor.org/
http://oerwiki.iiep.unesco.org/index.php/Main_Page
http://www.hewlett.org/programs/education-program/open-educational-resources
http://mr.danoff.org
http://www.wikipedia.org/ (by far the biggest and best OER online)
http://www.fsf.org/ (the intellectual grandfather of OER, still providing many amazing copyleft OER)