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#### The WMNO Annual General Assembly



[Trond Trosterud](#) was awarded the 2022 title of *Wikipedian of the Year*. Photo: Elisabeth Carrera, 2023. CC BY-SA 4.0.

On 4 February, 25 Wikimedians attended the Annual General Assembly. 14 of them on-site at Deichman Bjørvika, Oslo's main public library. Our members unanimously passed the [2023-2028 Strategic Plan](#) and the [2023-2024 Annual Plan](#), which was important to make sure we're all aligned about how to pursue our vision and goals.

The same morning, we organised the seminar [The Impossible Made Possible](#). Unfortunately, due to Covid and other issues both our international guest speakers had to cancel short notice. Instead, our Executive Director facilitated an off-the-cuff discussion of governance and decision-making processes in the Wikimedia movement. Our Chair then led a round table discussion where eleven members shared their experiences and focus areas on the Wikimedia projects.

#### Wiki Meetups

[Wiki Meetups](#) are good community building activities of various form and content. All in all, there were 24 meetups July 2022 to June 2023. Most of them were held in Oslo, but one took place in Bergen and one in Trondheim. The meetups are organised by volunteer enthusiasts, not least a central resource in the Oslo area, or WMNO staff.

#### *Workshop or thematic content*

Four meetups had a thematic program, out of which three were organised by WMNO:

- 29 October Wikidata 10 years – Wikidata and OpenRefine workshops in Bergen and Oslo
- 11 March Workshop on how to run bots

#### Wiki Lunch Breaks

In September 2022, WMNO introduced a regular meetup that we host with or without a brief introduction or topic. The first Wednesday of every month we invite anyone interested to bring a packed lunch and stop by our office for a lunch break. We have hosted nine Wiki Lunch Breaks, with a total of 40 on-site and seven online participants.

#### Other community building activities

On 8 December 2022, WMNO hosted a Christmas meetup with a pub quiz. Not surprisingly, the Wikimedia team won the quiz! Casual conversations help us build a healthy wiki community where we can share thoughts and ideas about Wikimedia projects.

#### Wikipedia Kickstart

In December 2022, we started testing an online activity that can help us recruit and train Wikipedia editors. The first Wednesday of every month anyone can join us for an online video call and be guided by an experienced Wikipedian. For now, [Wikipedia Kickstart](#) is hosted by a WMNO staff member, but we aim to phase in volunteer mentors as meeting hosts. So far, there have been few random drop-in participants, but the sessions have been used for training key volunteers that take part in our projects or content partnerships.

#### Wiki Grant and access to Atekst

WMNO has had two support programs for contributors to Wikimedia projects. This period two applicants have been awarded [Wiki Grants](#), at a total value of NOK 16,000. The grant's committee consists of two Wikipedians, a board member and a staff member.

WMNO can help Wikipedians gain [access to sources](#), and up until now the offer has been access to the [Atekst news archives](#) from the commercial provider Retriever. Unlike the [National Library's newspaper archives](#), where recent editions of subscription news sources are blocked, Atekst has the latest news. Twice a year user access has been granted to six Wikipedians. The annual cost has been NOK 50,000, and the account statistics imply that at least 30 percent of the use has not been part of research for wiki editing. This spring we evaluated how Atekst could be modified to benefit more Wikipedians. Simultaneously, the service agreement was up for renewal, and the best terms Retriever was willing to offer meant a 20 percent cut in the number of articles and a 66 percent price rise. We have now cancelled the service from July onwards, and we have started a conversation with

The National Library about how we can best help Wikipedians gain access to subscription news sources.

WikiNobel



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7 October 2022, as the Nobel Peace Prize laureates were announced, we hosted an editathon at the Nobel Peace Centre. Six on-site Wikipedians collaborated with 17 online participants from all over the world. [See what happened!](#)

WikiNobel is hosted by WMNO every year and an enthusiastic member from Bergen is the main organiser.

Knowledge equity in Norway

We have organised a handful of projects, campaigns and events.

The Reindeer Pastures Commission of 1913 – image collection on Wikimedia Commons

Project period:	June-September 2022
Partner:	The National Archives
Funder:	The Fritt Ord Foundation
Goal:	1000 photos are made available on Wikimedia Commons and Digitalarkivet
Results:	Close to 300 photos were added to 1400 photos uploaded in 2020

This [photo collection](#) is an important part of documenting Sámi and Norwegian history, and it's relevant to today's discussions about natural resources management. Knowledge that has been published as part of the project can help refine the historical interpretation of the relationship between Norwegians and the Sámi population.

WMNO and the National Archives worked on this photo collection in 2020 as well, with funding from Arts Council Norway. [Learn more about the projects.](#)

Translating MediaWiki and the Wikipedia apps into Northern Sámi

Project period:	September 2022-April 2023 (now prolonged to autumn 2023)
Partner:	Giellatekno, the Research Group for Saami Language Technology at The Arctic University of Norway
Funders:	<a href="#">NUUG Foundation</a> (MediaWiki) and The Sámi Parliament of Norway (Wikipedia apps)
Goal:	The user interfaces in MediaWiki and the Wikipedia apps for Android and iOS have been translated.

Today, when Northern Sámi speakers use Wikipedia, they encounter a number of Norwegian or English words and help texts. WMNO is working to provide a complete language experience and to increase the volume of editors and content on the Northern Sámi version of Wikipedia. At the turn of the year 32 % of MediaWiki core (1276 strings) had been translated, but in the first half of 2023 progress was slow and milestones were not met. Additional translators have been recruited, in order to complete the project autumn 2023.

Wiki Loves Monuments

From September until the beginning of December WMNO organised the Norwegian part of the photo competition [Wiki Loves Monuments](#) for the eleventh time. [The jury](#) consisted of Wikipedians and

representatives from the [National Trust of Norway](#), the [Norwegian Federation of Cultural Heritage Organisations](#) and the [Norwegian Automobile Federation](#). [285 photos of Norwegian monuments](#) were submitted, and some of them have been put to use on Wikipedia and elsewhere.



*This photo of Tyssedal hydroelectric plant won the Norwegian first prize. Three of the photographer's images came in at top ten.  
Photo: Jorulf Kyrkjeide. CC BY-SA 4.0.*

There was also [a Wikipedia writing contest about monuments and cultural heritage environments in Norway](#).

[Read about the worthy winners of the two competitions!](#)

The photos that went on to the international finals of Wiki Loves Monuments did well, and images of Norwegian industrial cultural heritage sites won 2nd and 10th place!



*2nd place: The Fetsund booms workers huts.  
Photo: Jarle Kvam. CC BY-SA 4.0.*



*10th place: Early morning at Tyssedal hydroelectric power plant.  
Photo: Jorulf Kyrkjeide. CC BY-SA 4.0.*

### Wiki Loves Living Heritage

Project period:	March-December 2023
Partners:	Arts and Culture Norway
Funder:	-
Participants:	Cultural heritage organisations, Wikimedia volunteers

In spring 2023 we started to plan our celebration of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Norwegian part of the Wiki Loves Living Heritage campaign is a partnership with Arts and Culture Norway, which is the national focal point for the international campaign.



The Norwegian campaign and events have three target audiences: The general public, content partners/heritage organisations and, of course, Wikimedians. Activities are scheduled to start autumn 2023.

## Women in Red

As we do every year, we organised a national [Women in Red editing competition](#). In March, 18 Wikipedia editors wrote 665 new biographies about women. Our OsloMet group of 14 students also took part. They edited 41 biographies and wrote 12 new ones.

## Art+Femism editathon in Trondheim



Artist Veslemøy Lilleengen.

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On 6 May we collaborated with The Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts and Kunsthall Trondheim on an Art+Feminism editathon with the topic "Overlooked Practices". Artist Veslemøy Lilleengen and Ingrid Lunnan Nødseth, director of the National Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, took part in a panel discussion about female and non-binary artists and how they are presented in collections and in art history.

## Knowledge equity internationally

Wikimedia Language Diversity Hub

[Wikimedia Language Diversity Hub](#) is a collaborative project led by a steering committee with members from all over the world. In 2022 WMNO was given Wikimedia Foundation funding to cover project management and general project activities. This was a continuation of the international language work we have been involved in for a number of years, not least in partnership with Giellatekno.

The efforts in 2022 were mainly to organise and analyse group interviews with key individuals that were involved in setting up 13 new Wikipedia language versions. Spring 2023 the hub steering committee decided that WMNO should no longer provide a project lead, and in a much delayed [MSIG proposal](#) the committee named [Sadik Shahadu](#) from the Dagbani Wikimedians User Group the new project lead and [Wikitongues](#) the fiscal sponsor. Since then, we have devoted 20 % of a staff position to the hub's language tech efforts and user support on the [Wikimedia Incubator](#). The work is done by our staff member Jon Harald Søby, who is also our representative in the hub steering committee. We are currently looking at ways to finance a position for a linguist or computer scientist that can develop wiki tools and functions to support the Sámi languages and other small languages.

Other international level work: Our staff has contributed to the development of [Wikipedia in Inari Sámi](#).

## Meetings and conferences

There are endless opportunities for networking and learning, and these are some of those we made a priority of attending. We are actively encouraging board and members to take part in national and international events, e.g. by offering travel grants. This period WMNO was only represented by staff.

11-14 August	<a href="#">Wikimania 2022</a>	online
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Our presentations: <a href="#">Wikimedia Language Diversity Hub: Status and preliminary research results</a>  <a href="#">Movement Strategy: Implementation lightning talks!</a></li></ul>	
8-11 September	Wikimedia affiliates' Executive Directors' meeting <a href="#">Wikimedia Summit</a> Wikimedia Europe meeting	Berlin, Germany
13-16 September	<a href="#">2022 European GLAMwiki Coordinators meeting</a>	Prague, Czech Republic
16-19 October	Two-years celebration for Wikipedia in Inari Sámi	Uleåborg, Sweden
3-4 November	<a href="#">Nordic conference on Sámi intangible cultural heritage</a>	Trondheim, Norway
9 November	<a href="#">Seminar: Kewpie – Daughter of District Six</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We co-hosted the seminar with <a href="#">SAIH</a> (Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Assistance Fund's) and took part in a panel discussion about knowledge diversity.</li></ul>	Oslo, Norway
25-27 January	<a href="#">Bobcatsss 2023</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We took part in a panel discussion about open content and co-hosted the workshop <i>Wikimedia: Bringing free educational content to the world.</i></li></ul>	Oslo, Norway
27 April	<a href="#">Open knowledge resources: Store norske leksikon and Wikipedia</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We gave a talk about Wikipedia at Open Science Lunch at University of Oslo Library.</li></ul>	online
19-21 May	<a href="#">Wikimedia Hackathon</a>	Athens, Greece
25 May	IKA Network (the Norwegian network for intangible cultural heritage organisations) seminar and meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Our presentation: Wiki Loves Living Heritage</li></ul>	Lillehammer, Norway
9-10 June	<a href="#">Wikimedia Europe General Assembly</a>	Prague, Czech Republic

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