Introducing the Education Toolkit

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What is a toolkit?

Toolkits collect strategies, tech tools, advice and resources for planning a program in a central location.

- Links to resources, best practices and learning patterns
- Anyone can edit: add your questions and ideas to talk pages
- The content is organized based on learning area and topic, using learning patterns, problem and solution pairings, to help complete the toolkit.

Go to the Education Toolkit

How to use the Education Toolkit

Plan
Planning pilots and growing programs, partnerships and participants and how to find the resources you need.

Run
Support for teachers and students, choosing tech tools, ideas for assignments and problem solving guides.

Evaluate
Measure your progress toward goals and tell your success stories to grow your program.

Connect
Get connected with the global community of educators and program leaders through newsletters, mailing lists and more.

What is a Learning Pattern?

Learning patterns allow users to identify common problems and propose solutions that have worked in their context.

- They can be edited by anyone and constantly evolve.
- Use a consistent format and project categories so they can be easily searched.

Go to the Learning Pattern Library

Education Learning Patterns

How to use Learning Patterns

1. Search for your problem. Try a few search terms.

2. Identify solutions that might work in your context. Try them out.

3. Endorse learning patterns that have worked for you.

4. Start discussions on Talk Pages and tag users who may have advice to share.

5. Write your own learning pattern using templates.

View a short tutorial on how to create a learning pattern.

Conversation with Shani Evanstein

Work with the community:

- Each week a different Wikimedian came to class, others worked with students online
- Shani made getting the community involved her priority

WikiMetrics and Education Extension:

- Education extension made it easier to track and collect information about the amount and reach of content created by students.
- Sharing data about the program got the course renewed and results published in the times of higher education.

Learn about WikiMed Israel

Conversation with Reem Al-Kashif

Student motivation:

- Students in large classes see Wiki Clubs as an opportunity to get more interaction and feedback from professors.
- Set goals and share them. Hold end of term celebrations to honor students.

Student retention:

- "Students are not disposable, we want them to come back." Invite students to participate in contests, act as Ambassadors.

Conversation with Vojtech Dostal

Use tools to keep program lightweight:

- Education extension allowed program leaders to gather data on participants without asking educators to report anything

- Interactive training on Czech education portal, program leaders only do one in-class training session for students

Outreach to education partners:

- Focus on one-on-one interactions, sending mass emails doesn't work
- Returning teachers need less support

Questions?

Does the toolkit resonate with your work?

Are there major gaps that we should fill?

Call to Action!

Post a question on the Toolkit discussion page.

Start, add to, or endorse a learning pattern.