Community liaisons: their work and their relationship to the chapters

The Wikimedia Foundation is committed to providing community liaison support for major product rollouts.

What does that mean?

Traditional activities of movement affiliates include:

* supporting or developing software, like:
  ** Europeana GLAM toolkit
  ** Kiwix
  ** Wikidata
  ** Google Summer of Code (GSOC)
  ** Hack-a-thons…

But what if you want to do more and/or can't afford any of this?

More opportunities...

Supporting Wikimedia communities when new or updated software by WMF is deployed on their wikis

* **facilitating** communications from and to WMF Tech
* **assisting** with testing, bug filing, documentation writing
* **delivering** announcements and updates
* **engaging** interface and documentation translators

Products socialized by community liaisons so far:

* Beta Features ✓
* Echo (Notifications) ✓
* Flow 🕐
* Media Viewer - through May 🕐
* VisualEditor 🕐

Why you should care

* Enhancing visibility and reputation in your communities
* Contributing to the Mission in an easily recognizable and quantifiable way
* Informing and affecting the development of products
* Speeding up the development of tools you need for your already-existing activities

Have movement affiliates participated before? YES!

* Some European chapters actively helped with outreach and spreading awareness about new products and our work (WMDE, WMIT, WMCZ)
* Iberocoop contributed with translations and screenshots
* Partners raised attention to peculiar technical issues in their languages
* WMSE asked to test software in their wiki

Areas in which affiliates excel:

* Cultural and linguistic diversity
* Deep understanding of how related communities work (including sister projects!)
* Identifying community champions
* Community-facing staff sometimes available

WOW
MUCH AFFILIATE
VERY HELP
SO COLLABORATION

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Questions? :)

Thank you!

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