### Introduction to Wikimedia South Lanarkshire Libraries

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# Why is open important? Why open is important.

Releasing your information allows other people to build upon it

# Locking up the archive skews the historical record

http://lornamcampbell.org/history/open-archaeology-and-the-digital-cultural-commons/













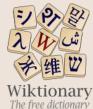
### What is Wikimedia?





















# What's a Wikimedian in Residence?



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#### Where our strategic goals coincide

## **Education & learning**

Digital inclusion

Widening access to knowledge

Culture & creativity

Reading, literacy & learning



"Establish public libraries as quality content creators in the digital sphere, and to provide open access to freely usable content about Scottish culture, derived from our rich library collections."

#### "Wikipedia is the single greatest Open Education resource the world has ever seen"

Jim Groom, Instructional technologist, speaking at #OER16

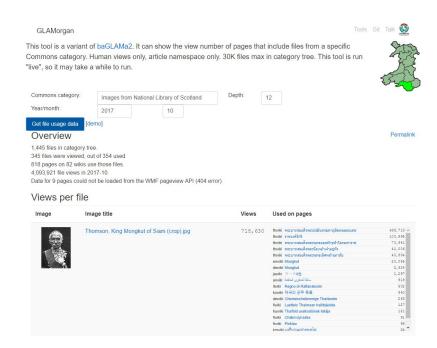
# More accurate than you think

### Global reach

Not a social network



# National Library of Scotland





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## National Library of Wales



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## Catalonia's public libraries





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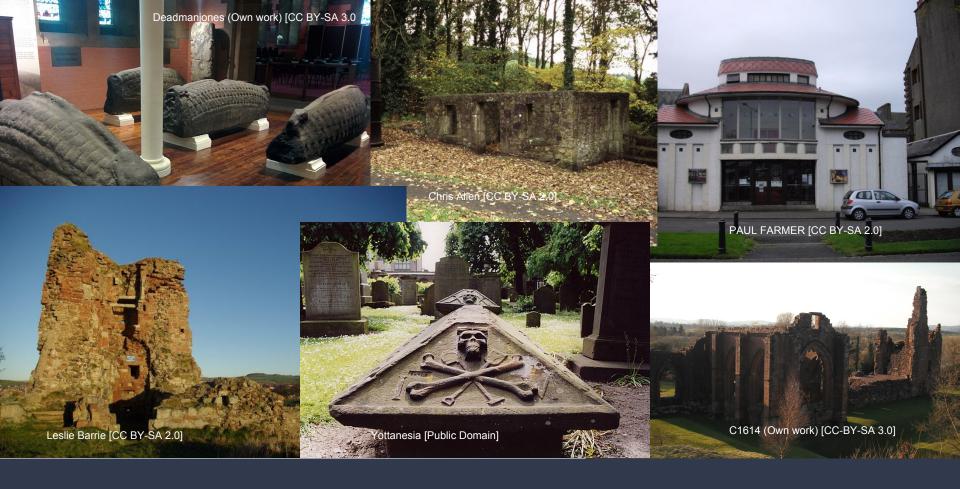
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https://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/GLAM/Case\_studies/Catalonia%27s\_Network\_of\_Public\_Libraries

## Hidden Gems Editathon 6th October







Library services & partner organisations in local areas invited to lend good quality sources

#### What happened?

- Articles created
- Articles improved
- Articles with minor improvements
- Partnership with local library & heritage connections

#### 2 new articles

- The Govan Stones (1300+ views)
- Kennetpans Distillery (265 views)
- Campbeltown Picture House (631 views)

#### 5 improved

- East Wemyss
- John Roebuck
- Kinneil House
- The Howff
- Dalziel House

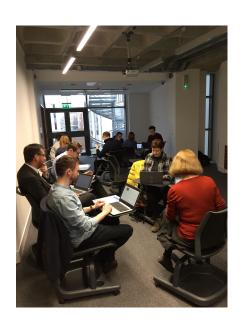
13 with minor improvements

10 attendees

4 library services



### What we've been doing so far...







#### What next?

#### Phase 2 - rollout to additional services

- Connection with local groups
- Surfacing local stories
- Collections use
- Staff training



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## Any questions?

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