

# Women in Science



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# Where it started...

- 2012 Ada Lovelace Day Edit-a-thon
- Increase the number of Wikipedia articles on women who have made significant STEM contributions
- Increase the number of female Wikipedia contributors
  - Only 8.5% are women!




# Where it went...

- Rosalind Franklin's birthday: NIMR Event
  - 25th July
- Ada Lovelace Day Royal Society Event
  - 11th October
- Cambridge LMB Event
  - 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Royal Society of Edinburgh Women in Science Edit-a-thon
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> December



# Today

- Overview and training
- What do *you* want?
- Articles about women in science
  - Improving existing articles
  - Starting new articles
- LMB alumni, MRC-funded researchers and others

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**“Imagine a world in which every  
single human being can freely  
share in the sum of all  
knowledge.  
That's our commitment.”**

# How can we help?

- Long-term partnership
- Community building
- Access to resources
- Mentoring
- And your commitment...



# Wikipedia: the five pillars

- Encyclopedia
- Neutral point of view (NPOV)
- Free content
- Respect and civility
- No firm rules



# Remember...

- Your role is to inform and **reference**
- **Verifiability** – all articles require independent, reliable sources
- Write without bias
- Facts and statistics: don't be vague or general
- Take time to get it right and your content will last
- Work with the community (and we'll work with you)
- Communicate, communicate, communicate!



# Getting started



- Basic editing
  - Wiki mark up
  - Sandbox and user page
- Referencing
- Illustrating





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