

WIKIMEDIA CZECH REPUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Educational Programs

We fulfill our mission to contribute to a world of free and open knowledge and lifelong learning. Through our Programs for Schools, Seniors Write Wikipedia, and Open Education Program, we strive to attract newcomers, spread awareness of Wikimedia projects, and deepen relationships and activities within the Czech community.

Programs for Community

We support editors and photographers who volunteer to create free content for Wikipedia, Commons, Wikidata and other Wikimedia projects. We provide support, resources, and motivation to both the new and more experienced members of the wiki community who edit, photograph, or organize events for others. These most often take the form of events, contests, or grants.

Programs for Partnerships

In our Programs for Partnerships, we bring together GLAM, Wikidata/Tech and Advocacy to collaboratively acquire, disseminate, and advocate for digitized collection of open source (or potentially open source) works, objects and data, in the most effective way. We are setting partnerships with cultural and other institutions and we build Wikidata – an open, collaboratively developed international networked data infrastructure.

Our vision

"Together we are building a world in which every person has free access to all human knowledge and the right to contribute to it freely."



Seniors Write Wikipedia

The life wisdom of seniors will find its place at Wikipedia, while they will find their place in the digital world and gain a new and meaningful hobby. Professor Sokol and other editors came up with the idea for the Seniors Write Wikipedia courses in 2013. Since then, in addition to senior courses across the country, we have been providing online support, organizing Senior WikiTowns and other educational events.



Activity: Programs for Libraries

We are dedicated to working with libraries and librarians who often host and lead our courses. Through our courses and workshops, librarians learn how to use Wikipedia and pass on this skill. We work with libraries in the field of media literacy support and regularly involve them in the global campaign #LiblRef, i.e. one librarian = one citation added on Wikipedia.

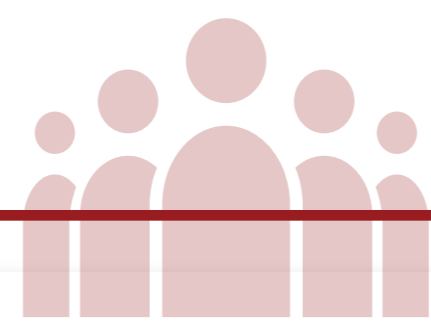


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We support a community of volunteers

What would Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects be without volunteers editing, photographing and otherwise getting involved? Nothing. That's why we appreciate their energy and enthusiasm, especially as there aren't many of them – only about a thousand in the Czech Republic. We support and motivate them in their hugely beneficial work, while always looking for and training new ones.

For those new to writing Wikipedia or to taking photos for the Commons, we organize workshops, editathons, contests (Czech Wiki Photo) and projects like We Photograph Czechia, Human Rights Month on Wikipedia or WikiGap, which aims to increase the representation of women on Wikipedia. For the most active volunteers, we offer resources within the Community minigrants, which allow them to implement their own projects.



Programs for photographers

Uploading photos to the free Wikimedia Commons database makes a lot of sense for more than just Wikipedia. That's why we are trying to recruit new photographers to the Commons and support senior ones. The most popular of our programs for photographers is our year-round We Photograph Czechia program, where we reimburse photographers for the costs of photographing Czech reality. We also run an annual Czech Wiki Photo competition. Furthermore, we motivate our photographing community by organizing smaller competitions throughout the year.



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Programs for editors

Programs for editors are most often editathons and various competitions and challenges. For example, we traditionally organize the autumn photo-editing challenge Czechoslovakia 1948-89, where we motivate participants to map this time-space on Wikipedia. WikiGap, on the other hand, aims to bring more female newcomers to Wikipedia writing and also to lessen the imbalance of articles about men and women, which is roughly 5 to 1. Other topics include the climate crisis and LGBTQ+.



Programs for Schools

Wikipedia belongs to education. That's why we offer a wide range of collaborative activities for schools and educators, such as Wikipedia seminars, digital literacy or topical Wikipedia writing workshops. Contact us and we will create a tailor-made project for you.



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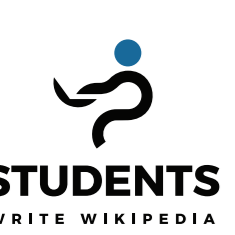
Activity: Students Write Wikipedia

Let's put an end to the term papers that nobody reads. The future belongs to open and shared knowledge. We teach students to write and use Wikipedia.

We provide a platform for students and teachers to submit credited work in the form of Wikipedia articles. Using the tools of Toolkit, teachers can assign entries for students to write and track their activity. This creates validated content and a chance to create term papers and articles in a meaningful way all at the same time.

Activity: Teach (with) Wiki

We are teaching educators to teach using Wikipedia. Through the Ministry of Education's accredited courses, we help teachers integrate critical thinking and digital literacy development into the education of elementary and high school students. The program teaches students how to work with resources and information.



Open Educational Program

Wikimedia is here for anyone with a burning love for education. You do not seem to fit any of our target groups? Don't worry! Get in touch anyway, everyone can get involved. We'll help you take your first steps in the Wikiworld.

Sign up for a course, come to one of our WikiClubs or read our editing guides. Live or online, there's something for everyone.



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Community minigrants

We also appreciate the wikipedian-organizers. We have created the Community minigrants program for them. Anyone can apply for financial support for their own wiki-events in which other wikipedians can participate. These funds then enable events such as local meetings, competitions, lectures, photo-workshops, photo-expeditions, WikiTowns, support local GLAM partnerships, training, etc.



GLAM

The mission of many public institutions and Wikimedia Foundation projects is very similar: to preserve the cultural heritage and to educate or inform the public. The possible collaboration is a win-win strategy: the institutions provide valuable content that Wikimedia can bring to many more people and introduce it in the context of other topics.

The wiki-project GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums) promotes the cooperation with (not only) cultural institutions: together we host wiki-events, arrange the sharing of media and information, create openings for wiki-residents and much more.

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Advocacy

Even Wikimedia needs protection. Whenever legislative changes jeopardise the project, we take a resolute action either by defending Wikimedia's interests or by taking advantage of newly opened opportunities.

In order to be as effective as possible, we are building a network of institutions with shared interests. As a Wikimedia movement, we also have a representative in Brussels. Dimitar Parvanov and his team actively lobby for free content in the Free Knowledge Advocacy Group EU.



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Wikidata/Tech

We are helping to build a huge database for Wikipedia (and beyond) called Wikidata, for everyone to draw on. We invite Czech institutions and individuals with a passion for data to help us build this open, collaboratively developed international networked data infrastructure.

We organize educational events focused on the technical side of Wikimedia projects, such as workshops, lectures or hackathons, and establish data collaborations with institutions.

Activities:

Capacity building of the Czech technical community

Building partnerships

