

# DISCUSSION NOTES

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## DISCUSSION TOPIC:

How do we start communities that don't yet exist on <sup>Wikimedia</sup>

BREAKOUT SPACE: //

TIME: 10:30 - 11:15

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## KEY POINTS:

Access for ALL TO THE SUM OF ALL HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

• What does community mean: language; country; thematic; regional,

"A group of people that share a common knowledge."

respect. common values, or common goals.

First: isolate the communities that don't want to "take part".

- perhaps work at recording their knowledge within the bounds of their capacity

Challenges - understand the challenges to access, desire, technology, education, etc.

- find common goals & challenges that aligns with their goals

- not force solutions on them that they want to own.

opt - Wikipedia not welcoming for smaller or lesser known communities

## CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS (IF ANY):

- talk with the communities to research exactly what they want/need.

Options: record knowledge/language on existing Wikipedia first.

: visibility in existing communities

: see themselves reflected in Wikipedia - that they feel they are important.

: using content to develop articles to reflect marginalized communities

: working with NGOs & non-wiki communities to build knowledge.

: choosing allies within the community to support the new group

: making people visible

: isolate common goals.

-> provide "unifying events and projects" to allow different access points.

-> identifying key activators (energy, capacity, network) to bring the community together.