Wikipedia for Peace Workcamp

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CEE Meeting 2015
Service Civil International (SCI)

- International volunteer organization, 45 branches worldwide
- SCI in Austria
  - Est. 1947
  - Mainly students and young adults
- Promoting a culture of peace by organizing international volunteering projects with local and global impact
- Bringing together people from different cultures and backgrounds
Wikipedia for Peace

- Two-week workcamp in Vienna, August 14-27
- „WP-Newbies“ (80% female participants) research, edit, write Wikipedia articles on peace and related topics
- Introduction to other Wikimedia projects (Wiktionary, Wikimedia Commons)
- Workshops and presentations by experts of peace related topics (e.g. Amnesty International)
- Encourage participants to initiate Edit-a-thons or Wikipedia workshops
- Patronage of the Austrian Commission for UNESCO
Activities

• 10 participants, 2 camp hosts and 2 online guests from 10 countries: Austria, France, Germany, Serbia, Ireland, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Portugal, Spain, Ethiopia, and Finland
• 6 online buddies in their respective home Wikipedias
• 12 different languages, including endangered languages such as Basque and Gaelic
• Workshops and presentations by Wikimedia volunteers on Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons, Wiktionary and Wikidata
• Social events in the context of WikiTuesdays
• Presentation at Young Caritas Summer Academy
Budget

Funding
• Wikimedia Austria: 1.600€
• Other: 600€
• In-kind (bakery): 200€

Expenses
• Accomodation: 1072€
• Meals: 361€
• Public transport: 509€
• WiFi: 140€
• Short film (50%): 100€
• WikiTuesday: 32€

Travel expenses (airfares, train tickets) and leisure activities were planned and paid by the participants themselves.

Total: 2.200€
Results

- 27 new articles, 16 improved articles
- 55 pictures, 40% of which are used in Wikimedia projects

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Links

• Project page on Meta:

• Wikimedia Commons:
  Category: Wikimedia for Peace 2015

• SCI website:
  http://www.sciint.org/