

Wikimedia in the languages of Russia



If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

Nelson Mandela

Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.

Benjamin Lee Whorf

Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.

Rita Mae Brown

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

Wikimedia Vision

Wikipedia is first and foremost an effort to create and distribute a free encyclopedia of the highest possible quality to every single person on the planet in their own language.

Jimmy Wales

Of the approximately 7,000 languages spoken today ... less than 5% ... can still ascend to the digital realm. ... key result of this study: No wikipedia, no ascent.

András Kornai

The world we have created today as a result of our thinking thus far has problems which cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them.

Albert Einstein

The paradox related to preservation of language and culture is that they can only stay active by welcoming changes. Only dead languages and cultures can be fully preserved against change.

Annika Pasanen, Janne Saarikivi

The way forward: When time & resources are limited, success requires planning for effectiveness and efficiency. Once why & why not is clear, the recipe is in mapping the prerequisites, measuring & communicating, piloting, showcasing results, training others, promoting among stakeholders & finding partners.

Requirements

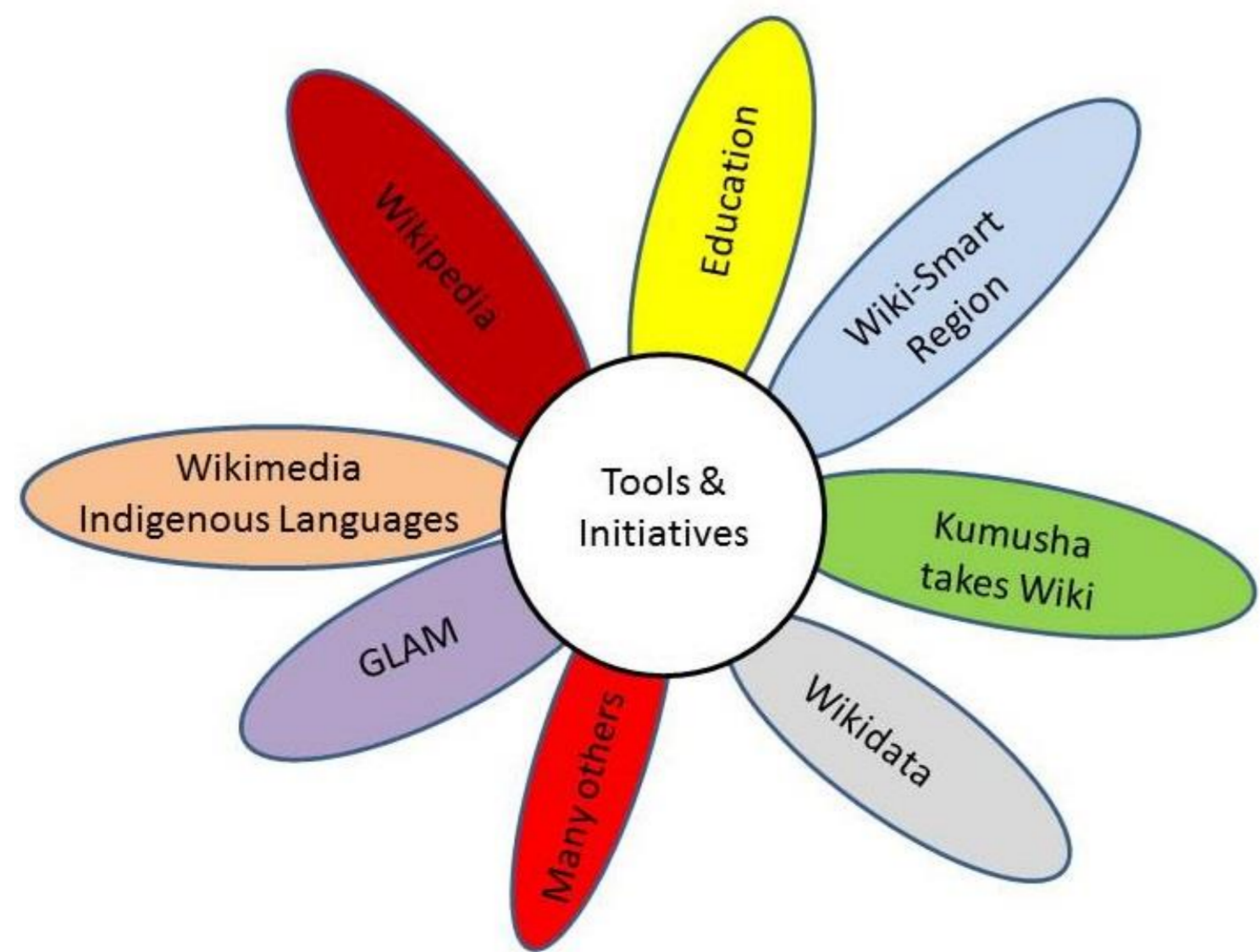
- Vocabulary for modern needs
- Reference materials
- Cultural adaptation
- Services
 - Interfaces: navigation, maps, etc.
 - E-govt, information & data for daily use
 - Competitive Education & Entertainment
 - Rich & diverse news reporting

Benefits/Sustainability

- Individual level*
 - Identity: Cultural-Regional-Social-Political-etc.
 - Mental health
 - Engagement
 - Intellectual/Educational
 - Raising awareness about your world
 - Socio-cultural, Economic & Political life
- Population level*
 - Social Cultural Economic Political

Nothing happens without partners & journeys are shaped with small steps.

Multilingual Milky Way aptitude test too wild of a dream?



Russia's Wiki-Multilingualism

Indigenous - w.wiki/6KR

Wiki-Award Russia
w.wiki/6Kf

171 Wikis

Wikipedias

* domain 33

* incubator 46

Wiktionary - 7 + 20

Wikibooks - 8 + 2

Wikinews - 3 + 8

Wikiquote - 5 + 5

Wikisource - 6 + 15

Wikiversity - 2 + 2

Wikivoyage - 2 + 6



Overall - w.wiki/6KS (57 langs)

Periodic reports by:

- Readers – country
- Contributors – edits, new pages, KB of content, by time
- Stat.indicators – current

Plans

- Elementary & Middle school – Txikipedia or Vikidia models
- Secondary, Vocational, University & continuous – Wikimedia projects



Thank you for supporting multilingualism, multiculturalism & NPOV onwiki & in life.

Yours truly, Wikimedia Community Languages of Russia UG