

Editing plantswomen on English Wikipedia

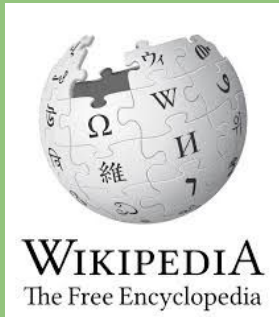
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Why Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is is a **free**, multilingual **online encyclopedia** written and maintained by a **community of volunteer contributors** through a model of **open collaboration**, using a **wiki**-based editing system.

7th most visited website in the world!

320+ languages (all with differing content)



Why women?

Over 80% volunteers are men, which leads to issues of the balance of gender-related content.

Percentage of women's biographies on English Wikipedia:

2015 - 15.5%

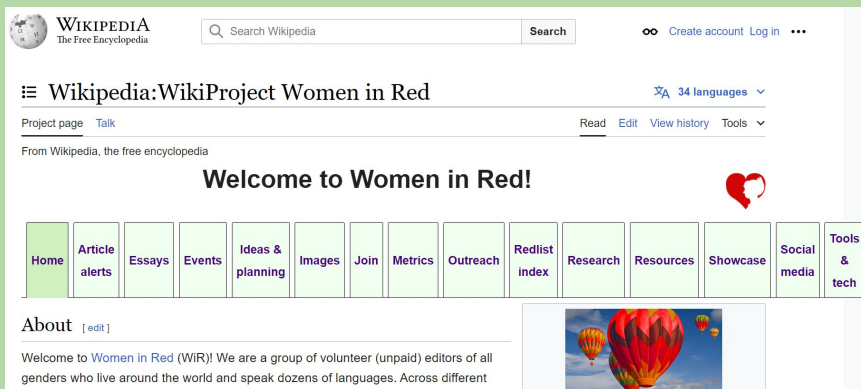
2024 - 19.9%



Image: Scarecrow at the Yoorala Community Garden, [Aliceinthealice CC BY SA](#)

What can we do about it?

Learn to edit Wikipedia, collaborating with others online to change the internet.



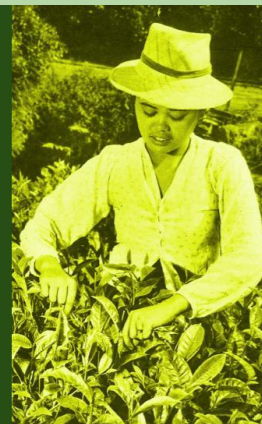
The screenshot shows the Wikipedia:WikiProject Women in Red project page. At the top, there is the Wikipedia logo and a search bar. Below that, the page title is "Wikipedia:WikiProject Women in Red" with a language selector for "34 languages". The page content includes a "Welcome to Women in Red!" message with a red heart icon. A navigation menu contains links for Home, Article alerts, Essays, Events, Ideas & planning, Images, Join, Metrics, Outreach, Redlist index, Research, Resources, Showcase, Social media, and Tools & tech. An "About" section is visible at the bottom, starting with "Welcome to Women in Red (WIR)! We are a group of volunteer (unpaid) editors of all genders who live around the world and speak dozens of languages. Across different".

Plants & Gardens

Join our editing focus for April on women who garden, farm or work with plants

1 - 30 April 2021

#WikiWomenInRed <https://wiki/36VR>

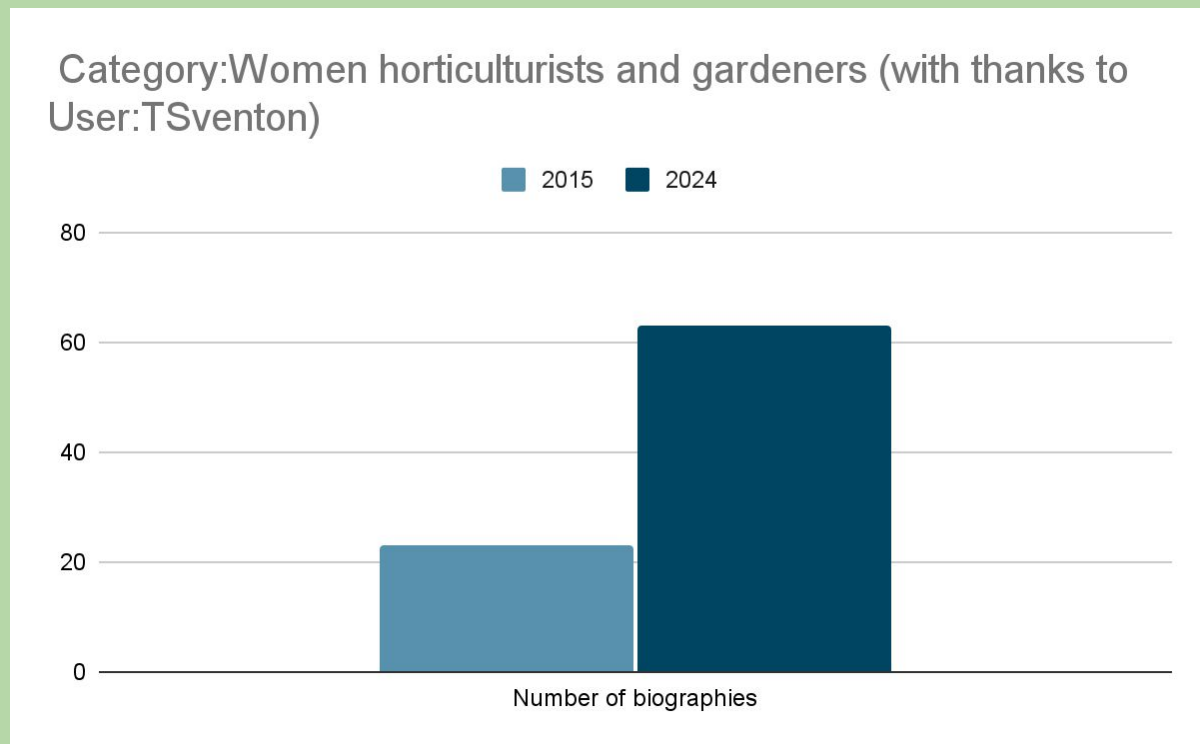


What's the impact?

Women who garden and grow are more visible.

Their achievements are more recognised and information on them is easier to find.

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What does this look like?

In one month our community wrote 53 biographies for plantswomen.

You can do it too!

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Advolly Richmond (born August 1966) is a [garden writer](#), historian and a television presenter, who regularly appears on BBC *Gardener's World*.

Career [\[edit \]](#)

Advolly Richmond	
Born	August 1966 (age 57–58) ^[1]
Alma mater	University of Bristol
Occupation(s)	Historian, gardener, television presenter
Website	Official website ↗

Richmond formerly worked in the automobile industry, before choosing to retrain in [horticulture](#).^[2] She is a graduate of the Work and Retrain As a Gardener Scheme (WRAG) which was developed by the [Women's Farm and Garden Association](#).^[2] After completing her traineeship, she studied for and was awarded an MA in

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Rhoda Vava Mary Lecky, Lady Birley (*née* Pike; 3 February 1899 – 15 June 1981) was an Anglo-Irish gardener, model, and artist. She developed the gardens at Charleston Manor in East Sussex where she founded the festival that has continued after her death.

Life [\[edit \]](#)

Birley was born on 3 February 1899 to Catherine (*née* Howard)

Rhoda Birley	
	
Born	Rhoda Vava Mary Lecky Pike 3 February 1899 Kilnock, County Carlow , Ireland
Died	15 June 1981 (aged 82) ^[1]

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Abra Lee (born 18 December 1978^[1]) is an American public [horticulturalist](#), [historian](#) and writer, who researches Black [garden history](#) and raises awareness of the subject through social media.

Career [\[edit \]](#)

Lee graduated from [Auburn University](#) with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture.^[2] She has worked in a number of horticultural roles, including: with the [University of Georgia](#) as a County Extension Agent

Abra Lee
