

All the world's GLAM

and how we tried to find them

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Imagine a global database of cultural heritage institutions



Itaú Cultural, Avenida Paulista, Brazil; The Photographer, PD

FindingGLAMs

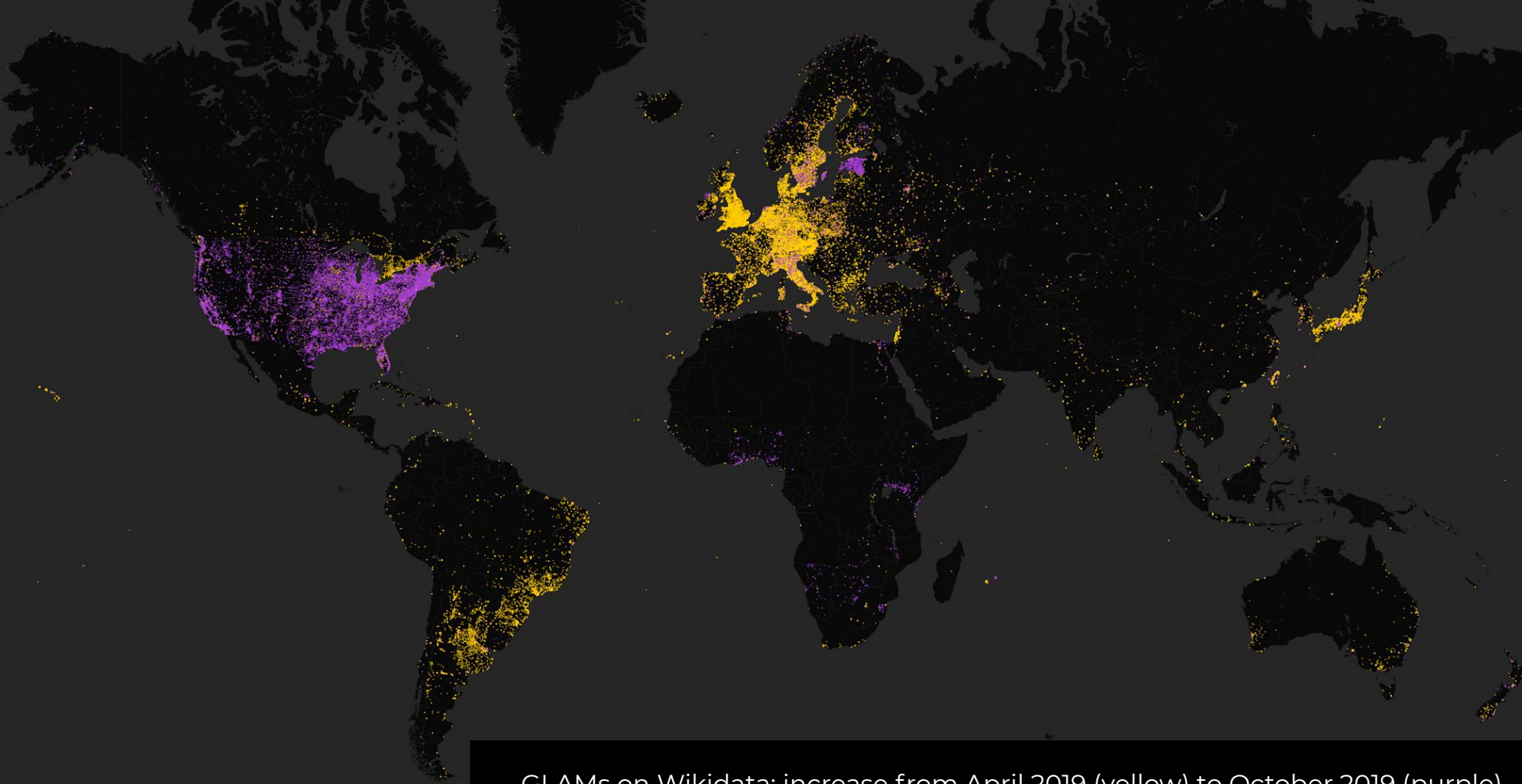
- <https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs>
- Every museum, library, gallery, archive in the world should have a Wikidata item
- Project by WMSE, in collaboration with UNESCO and WMF
- Financing from the Swedish Postcode Foundation, an organization that promotes positive social development

FindingGLAMs

- **Ends on** ~~November 15, 2019~~
February 29, 2020

GLAMs in numbers

- 129,000 museums, libraries and archives on [Wikidata](#)
- Does not represent the world accurately
- IFLA estimates 2,5 million [libraries](#) in the world – 57,000 on [Wikidata](#)
- [Museum Data Files](#) has 30,000 museums in the USA – 3,900 on [Wikidata](#)



GLAMs on Wikidata: increase from April 2019 (yellow) to October 2019 (purple).

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Work with datasets

- A large part of the FindingGLAMs project
- Lots of datasets exist, in different formats, with varying quality and licenses
- US Public Libraries Survey
 - Public Domain (government publication)
- Advancing Library Visibility in Africa
 - CC0

Dataset index

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs/GLAM_datasets

A lot of the data exists, spread across the world.

Here we are collecting it all in one place.

Knowing these datasets exist helps us coordinate our work and highlights what **does not** exist. The gaps are equally important!



France	Museofile	here	Muséofile (Q13481868)	Museofile (P539)	https://tools.wmflabs.org/mix-n-match/#/catalog/127	Museums
France	Adresses des bibliothèques publiques	here	-	-	-	Municipal libraries
Latvia	Bibliotēkas	here				Libraries
Ireland	Irish Museums Association	here		IMA museum ID (P5764)	https://tools.wmflabs.org/mix-n-match/#/catalog/1713	Museums
Italy	Italian Schools and universities	here		P5114		Universities (will include libraries and possibly museums)
Poland	Baza bibliotek	here	no label (Q60662045)			Libraries
Poland	Wykaz muzeów w Polsce	here	no label (Q60661875)			Museums
Poland	Biblioteki naukowe	here	no label (Q61484289)			Research libraries

Enabling dialog: Archives Portal Europe

- A directory of 2,000 archival institutions in Europe:
<https://www.archivesportaleurope.net/en/directory>
- We reached out about how Wikidata and open data are valuable
- Positive response, real chance of CCO



Editing together

Official datasets are not enough to achieve full coverage of GLAMs. That's why we want more people, especially those directly involved in the GLAM sector, to add data to Wikidata.

Many have heard about Wikidata and are curious about how it can enrich their work.



Becoming a Wikidata editor

There is a threshold to cross before people can start editing:

- How is the data structured?
- How do I find what I'm interested in, e.g. all museums in a city?
- What properties are commonly used with certain classes of items, and where do I find them?



Monumental

Currently:

<https://tools.wmflabs.org/monumental-glam>

New version will be available soon:

<https://finding-glams.wmflabs.org/>

Makes **searching, viewing** and **editing** GLAM items on Wikidata easier for beginners.



Keramik-Museum Berlin

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Berlin · Germany

21 images and 1 subcategories

2 languages

architectural heritage monument

keramik-museum-berlin.de



Wikipedia

EN SV DE

The **Keramik-Museum Berlin** (KMB, Berlin Ceramics Museum) is a ceramic art museum in Berlin. It was established in 1990 and is located in a historic building in the Charlottenburg neighborhood since January 2004. Exhibitions feature design classics and works of famous ceramists.

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Properties

General data

instance of art museum

not provided

not provided

Address details

located on street not provided

location not provided

coordinate location 52° 31′ 1.92″ N 13° 18′ 14.40″ E

Berlin Berlin

Quick filter

356 RESULTS



James Simon Gallery
Berlin-Mitte



Jewish Museum Berlin
Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg



Keramik-Museum Berlin
Berlin



Knoblauchhaus
Berlin-Mitte



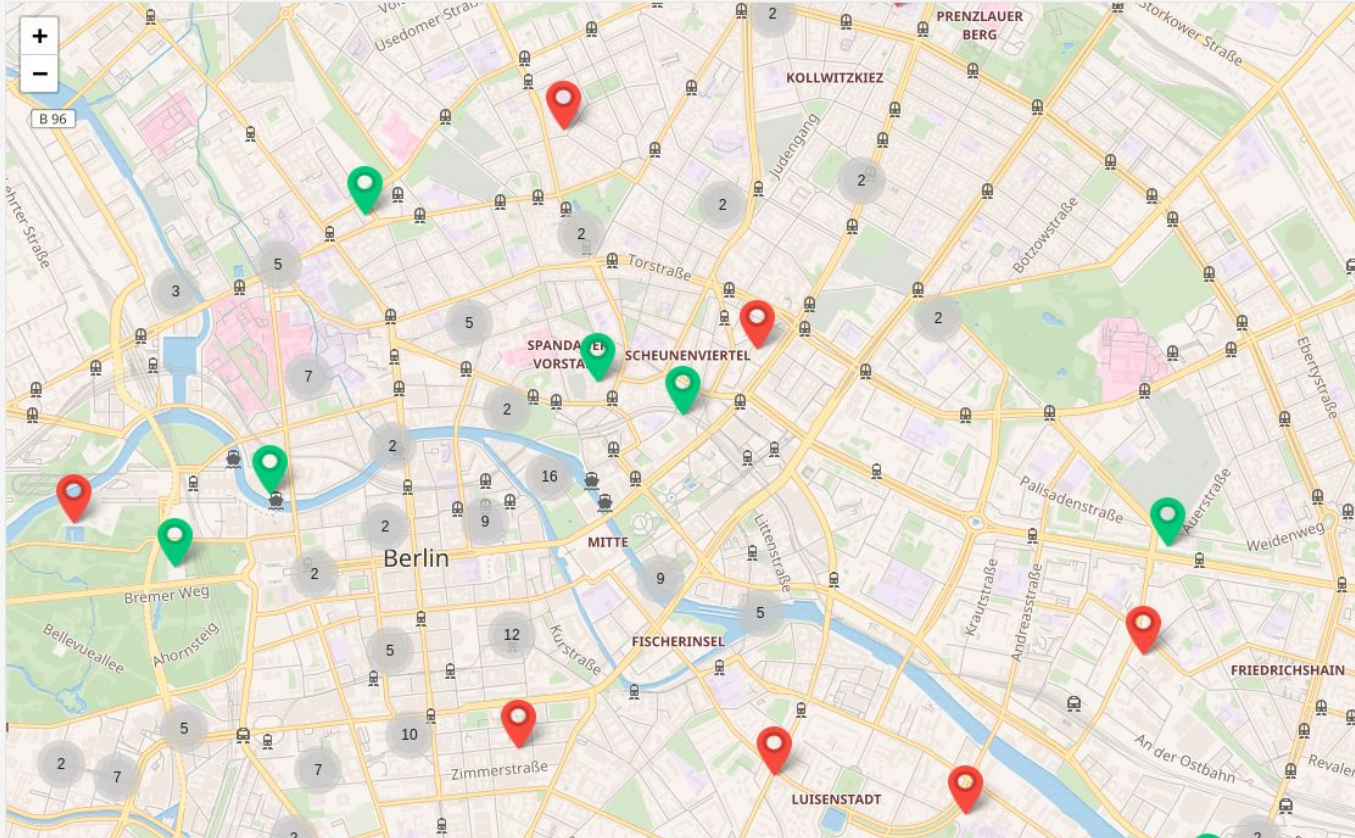
Kunst-Werke Institute for Contemporary Art
Berlin-Mitte



Kunstbibliothek Berlin
Berlin



Kunstgewerbemuseum Berlin



Monumental

The user is provided with a form to edit.

Filling in fields is easier than finding relevant properties and creating statements directly in Wikidata.

Limited possibilities mean less anxiety and lower error risk.



Properties

SAVE ALL (0) CANCEL

General data

instance of

art museum

Address details

located on street

location

coordinate location

52° 31' 1.92" N 13° 18' 14.40" E

52.517200 13.304000

Technical data

height

area

floors above ground

floors below ground

number of elevators

Timeline

significant event

Heritage

Crowdsourcing campaign

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs_Campaign

A global campaign to encourage people, especially in the GLAM sector, to improve the data about GLAMs on Wikidata.

Late 2019 / early 2020.



Getting your local community engaged

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs/Information_for_coordinators

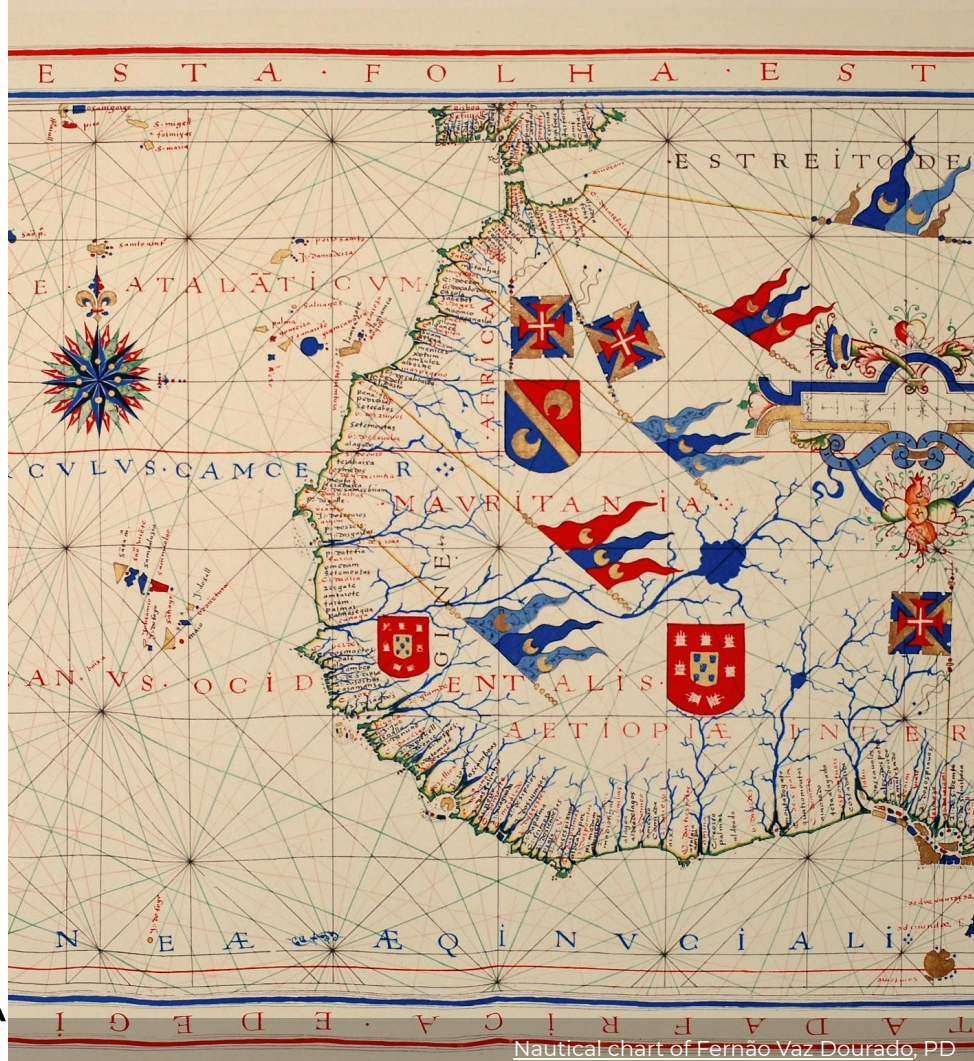
You can help organize the crowdsourcing campaign in your local community by reaching out to Wikimedians and GLAM professionals in your network.



Wikidata enables re-use

Once on Wikidata, the data can be used by:

- Wikipedians
- Researchers
- Journalists
- Cultural heritage institutions
- Search engines / digital information services

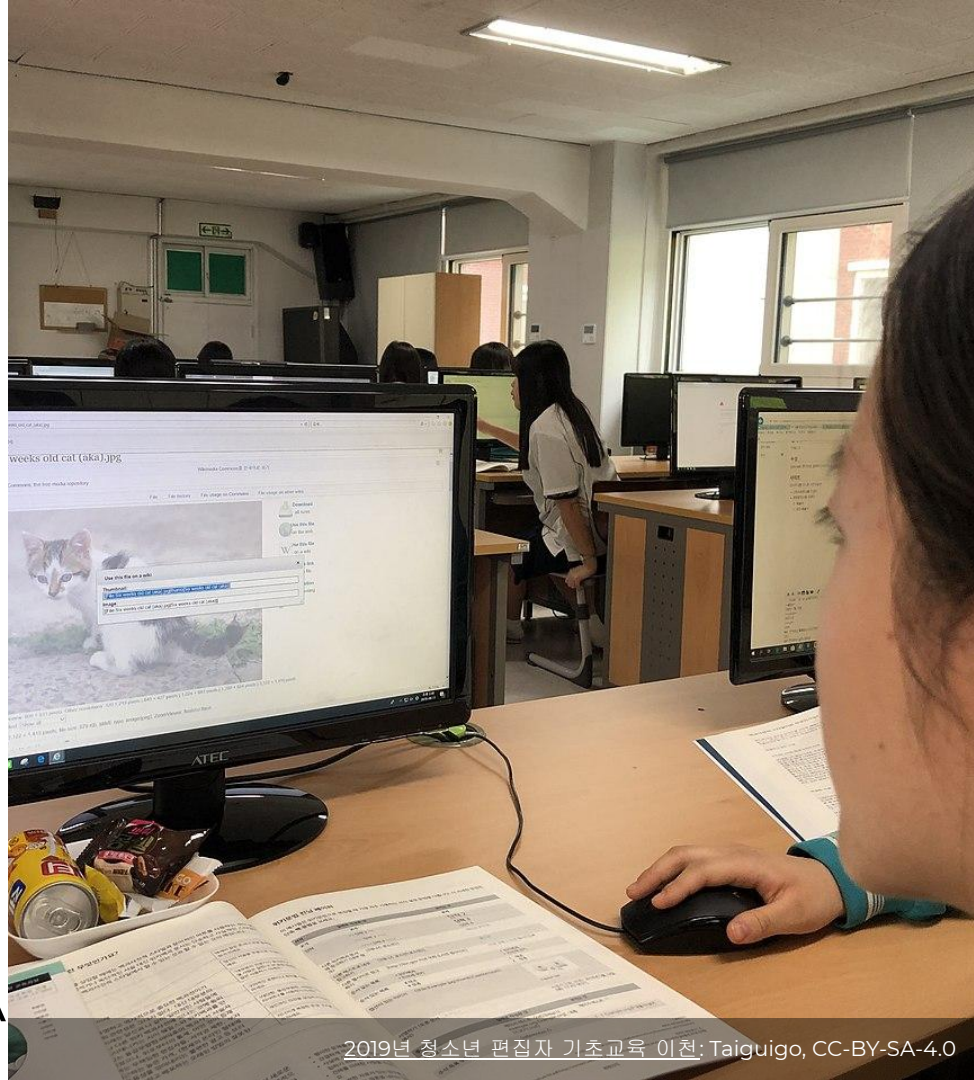


Nautical chart of Fernão Vaz Dourado, PD

Wikidata supports other Wikimedia projects

Better coverage of GLAMs on Wikidata makes it easier for Wikipedians to prioritize their efforts.

Wikipedia versions with few editors can use Wikidata to create and update content more efficiently, becoming more relevant for the speakers of their language.



Learn more

<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs>

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs_Campaign