The Wiki-school program

Wikimedia Poland is here for teachers
The PROBLEM

lack of support and safe environment for introducing Wikipedia and its tools & sister projects into the school curriculum
Causes

- teachers are overworked and frustrated
- constant system changes
- difficult cooperation with parents
- insufficient use and appreciation of students' competences
Consequences

1. Difficulty in selecting a leader for a new project in the school environment

2. Teachers do not want to have time or space to train, acquire new competences

3. Occasional wiki-classes without long-term effects, evaluation, next steps etc.
What is already being done?

**Wikimedia Education** - projects, meetings, cooperation, sharing knowledge and support

**Wiki-exercise books** (our response to Covid-19 situation)

Wiki-community in Polish schools: variety of [wikiprojects](#)

Strong cooperation with [universities](#)
In the following years, at least 3 high schools and 3 primary schools will introduce Wikipedia and its projects in theory and practice into the curriculum.

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Secondary goals

➔ TOOLS FOR CLASSES about digital competences WITH THE USE OF WIKIPEDIA

PARTICIPATION AND DESIGN THINKING METHODS, PILOT PHASE IN THE COUNTRY

➔ MORE KNOWLEDGE AND HIGHER COMPETENCES OF TEACHERS

FOCUS ON KEY DIGITAL COMPETENCES

➔ KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS AVAILABLE IN THE CURRICULUM

TIME-DEFINED, LONG TERM EFFECTS

➔ VOLUNTEERING WORK

STRENGTHENING PRO-SOCIAL ATTITUDES
What we want

- wiki-networking in the teacher community
- let teachers get used to Wikipedia
- establish and maintain relationships with school principals
- present Wikipedia and its projects and tools attractively and on a regular basis as valuable elements of classroom activities
- not forcing solutions; working together; flexibility; openness to suggestions and requests
- training the teachers (forms: mentorship, directly, via distance learning ...)
- friendly monitoring; evaluation focused on quality, not quantity
- balance virtual and real relationships
Wiki-school program. Schools in the project (pilot phase)
WHO’S WITH US?
The Great Fourteen and more (pilot phase)

- educational bloggers
- edu-enthusiasts
- authors of educational programs & books
- ICT enthusiasts in education
- teachers from public and non-public schools; democratic education, primary and high schools

...and more
# Timeline - 3rd version (a.k.a corona-version)

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<th>March-June</th>
<th>October 2020 - January 2021</th>
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<td>online meetings (wiki-trainings, discussions, sharing knowledge and OER)</td>
<td><em>wiki-classes in schools-</em> lesson plans</td>
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<td>July - September 2020</td>
<td><em>winter camp for pilot group (--&gt; developing prototypes of learning aids for teaching about Wikipedia/using Wikipedia in the classroom)</em></td>
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<td>Working on Wiki-school MOOC</td>
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<td>Teachers from our group were invited to the jury of the 'Wikipedia on substitute' competition</td>
<td>● production of learning aids; implementation of the MOOC in Spring among partner institutions and willing teachers</td>
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<td>Teachers practicing with wikipedists</td>
<td><em>summer 2021: summary of effects, conclusions, indicators; continuation + new recruitment</em></td>
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Goals of the Winter Camp for teachers:

- gathering knowledge and ideas acquired over several months;
- development of lesson plans at the primary and high school level,
- inventing prototypes of non-digital educational aids for introducing the Wikipedia topic in the classroom
- hands-on vs digital
MOOC on moodle for teachers

- 5 basic modules dealing with the most important issues around Wikipedia and its sister projects (e.g. history of Wikipedia, GLAM-wiki, edu-wiki, how-to-edit Wikipedia, fake news vs credibility of Wikipedia)
- varied ways of learning (videos, quizzes, Q&A)
- database of lesson plans, examples of good practices and a library with the literature.

prev. video=in progress! this video is not finished
The news are spreading!

Together with the Olga Tokarczuk Foundation:

- we are collecting ‘Nobel lesson plans’ for an open repository;
- in December, we will organize a competition on Wikipedia, under the patronage of the Foundation and the Embassy of Sweden in Poland. The Foundation will also donate prizes in the competition
- for 2021 we plan regular edit-a-thons in schools around the country

Wikipedia, which I admire and support...

Olga Tokarczuk, Nobel Award lecture, 10th of Dec. 2019

First reactions

I am delighted to volunteer my school for the edu-wiki pilot program. :)

Hi, we are blown away by this WikiSchool program!

Seems very promising! It might require a little revolution.
Thank you

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