

Community survey results

Celtic Knot Conference 2024

Total number of respondents to the survey: 45.

Demographics

Country of residency (within the scope of the Celtic Knot Conference)

Éireann/Ireland	6
Cymru/Wales	4
United Kingdom	3
France	2
Brittany	1
Cornwall	1
Galicia	1
Scotland	1
Spain	1

In total, 21 different countries and regions are represented.

Other countries

Ghana	8
Nigeria	3
USA	3
Kenya	2
Norway	2
Bolivia	1
Cameroon	1
Canada	1
Finland	1
India	1
Italy	1
Philippines	1

Languages

Note: most participants declared to speak several languages.

Languages within the scope of the Celtic Knot Conference

English	43
Gaeilge (Irish)	6
Welsh	6
Breton	3
Scots	2
Cornish	2
Manx	1

In total, 42 different languages are represented.

Other languages

French	7
Spanish	7
German	3
Northern Saami	3
Swahili	3
Twi	3
Catalan	2
Dagbani	2
Finnish	2
Ghanaian Pidgin	2
Norwegian	2
Romanian	2

+ 23 other languages represented once.

Version used to answer the survey

British English	39
Welsh	4
Gaeilge (Irish)	2

Involvement

Note: it was possible to enter several projects.

Wikimedia sites where respondents are active

Wikidata	28
Wikimedia Commons	21
Wikipedia (no language mentioned)	10
English Wikipedia	8
Welsh Wikipedia	5
Wikisource (no language mentioned)	5
Incubator	3
Cornish Wikipedia	2
Ghanaian Pidgin Wikipedia	2
Irish Wikipedia	2
Meta	2
North Sámi Wikipedia	2
Norwegian Nynorsk Wikipedia	2
TranslateWiki	2
Wikiquotes (no language mentioned)	2
+ 20 other sites represented once.	

Other projects and groups within Wikimedia

Women in Red / WikiWomen	4
Wikimedia Community Ireland	3
Afrolang project	1
Diversity Hub	1
Endangered languages and digitisation	1
ISA	1
Movement Strategy	1
Wikidata Music	1
Wikimedia Advocacy	1
Wikimedia LGBT+	1

In total, 45 different projects are represented.

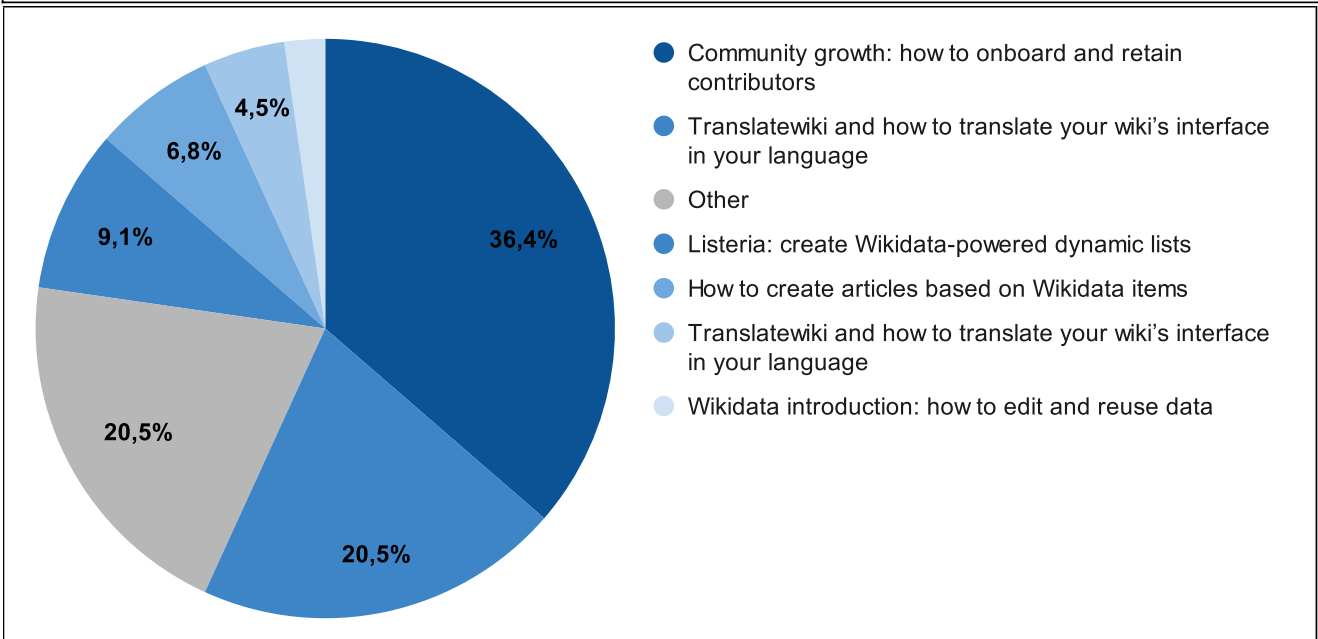
The respondents also mentioned 22 different organizations outside of Wikimedia supporting regional languages, culture or education.

Wishes for skill learning

We asked the respondents to pick their favorite out of 6 proposals of topics that would be presented during the event (for example as a workshop). We also gave them the possibility to make other suggestions.

Addendum from the team: this question was supposed to allow multiple choices like the next one, but by mistake we allowed only one response. Therefore the results are presented in a different way than the question below.

Selection of the respondents favorite workshop topic



Other proposals

Training on useful tools (e.g. Visual Editor)

SPARQL queries

How to implement Global Templates

How to work with other language institutions

How to prevent vandalism

How to integrate language technology into our work

Introduction to editing

TranslateWiki

How to contribute on the topic of local heritage

How to use existing sources and resources in our languages

How Wikipedia can help with the implementation of neologisms

Wikidata Lexemes

Create Wikipedia articles from an Excel sheet

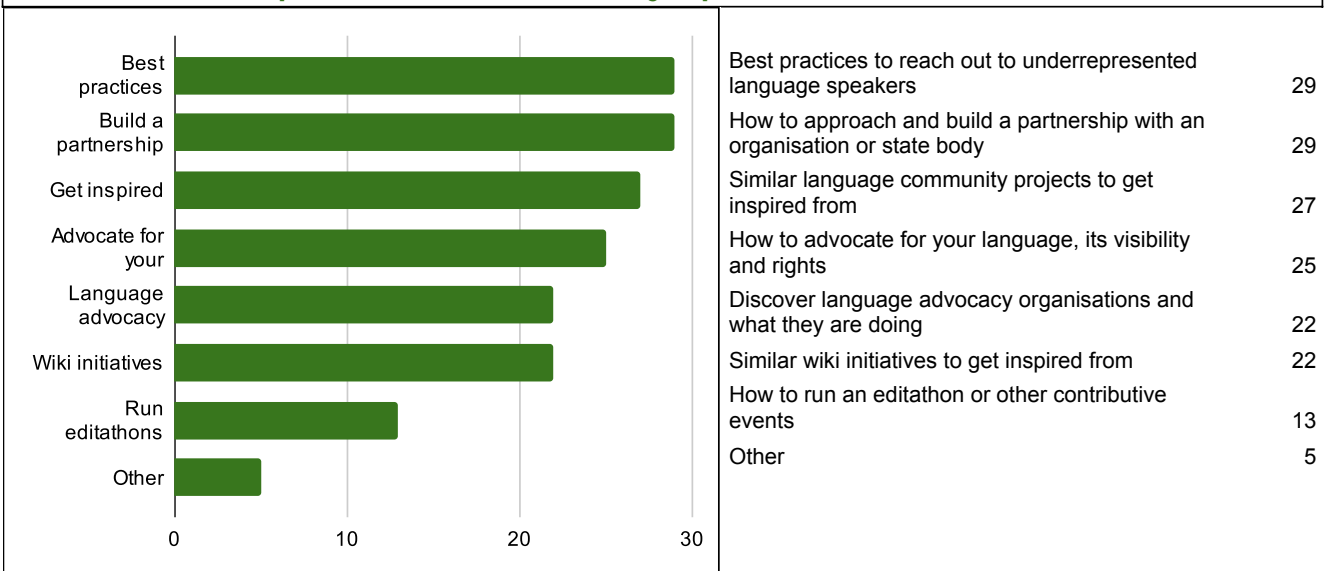
How to translate images into our languages

How to deal with editors who do not master written form of a language

Wishes for awareness and advocacy topics

We asked the respondents to pick their favorites out of 6 proposals of topics that would be presented during the event (for example as a discussion). We also gave them the possibility to make other suggestions.

Selection of the respondents favorite advocacy topic



Other proposals

Explore funding for projects and language revitalization

Edit in Wiktionary about minority languages

Enabling collaboration in tool development

Indigenous languages and Artificial intelligence

Presentation on language documentation

Offer support to enable the "privilege of volunteering"

Best practices in community engagement

Hold an editathon on place names

Discussion on the creation of 100 simplified articles in several languages

Online / digital communities and how they work for language learners and under represented languages

Helping to get the Coleg Cymraeg [music database] articles which are on open licence onto Wikipedia

Presentations about other projects (Wikisource, Wiktionary) in minority languages

Ethical principles and cultural sensitivity

Lessons learned on building language community, best practices and toolkit for small language development

Lessons learned from Indigenous language revitalization

Role of technology in language development

Content translator: how to improve the dialog between community and engineers

How to enable Brezhoneg on Google Translate

Desired outcomes

We asked respondents what they expect and hope from the conference.
Here are the most often mentioned topics:

What they would like to learn or discuss

Network, create connections

How to retain contributors

How to make minority language communities strong

Skill sharing, learn from others

How to use Wikimedia tools

Other requests to organizers

Have simultaneous translation / captions

Enable remote participation

Social / networking activities

Cultural immersion activities

Data gathered in January 2024 from the Celtic Knot Conference anonymous community survey ahead of the Conference Fund request. People involved: Richard Nevell (WMUK), Amy O'Riordan and Sophie Fitzpatrick (Wikimedia Community Ireland) and Léa Lacroix (contractor for WMUK).