Wikimedia Chapters
(Official Name)

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Cool Projects done by Wikimedia Chapters

...Be inspired
DISCLAIMER

• This is not a list of ALL Wikimedia Chapter’s Projects
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• This is a ONLY some of the projects we and the Chapter’s considered to be COOL and LOW BUDGET
Chapters

– Independent associations
  • support,
  • promote,
  • empower,
  • engage,
  • create

– A specified geographical region
Cambridge, Massachusetts, US
Taipai, Taiwan
Alexandria, Egypt
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Washington DC, USA
Hong Kong
We asked chapters three questions

1. What have you been up to this year?
2. What is the coolest project done by another chapter?
3. What are your three coolest projects?
Editor’s Meetup

- India, Australia, Venezuela, Germany, Hungry, UK, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Sweden, Denmark, DC, France, Israel, Nederland, Cezck Republic, Canada, Portugal, Spain
Outreach

• India, Australia, Venezuela, Italy, Germany, UK, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Denmark, DC, France, Israel, Nederland, Finland, Cezck Republic, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Macedonia
Editing event/ Contest

- India, Australia, Venezuela, Italy, Germany, Hungry, UK, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Sweden, DC, France, Israel, Nederland, Finland, Cezck Republic, Canada, Portugal, Spain, Macedonia
Conference

• India, Australia, Venezuela, Germany, UK, Poland, Russia, Sweden, DC, France, Israel, Nederland, Finland, Cezck Republic, Portugal, Spain
Meetups
Great American Wiknic
New York

- June 2011/ 2012
- Picnic in 16 cities/ 20 cities

Tips:
- Easy to organize
- Welcoming to everyone, even for new Wikipedians and Wikipedian-wannabes
WikiConference India

India

- 18 -20 November 2011
- Mumbai
- 700 attendees
- First time the India community has worked together at a national level
- More then 50 sessions
Wikicamp
Hungary

• 14 – 17 July 2011
  4-day
• Tours of cities
• Barbecue
• Wine tasting
• Presentations
Iberocoop meetup (aka Iberoconf) 2012
Chile

• 1 – 3 June 2012
• 13 countries
• Bringing together

Tips:
• Add some excess of amount (around 10%) to budget for any unexpected situation (the hostel is more expensive, air tickets with taxes, etc.)
Anniversary of Polish Wikipedia 10

Poland

- Largest meeting organized by Wikimedia Polska
- 280 participants
- Wikipedians from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany and Philippines.
- 14 lectures
- “Thank you Wikipedia” (Celebrities thanking Wikipedia)

Tip:
- Be bold approaching celebrities
GLAMcamp Amsterdam
Netherlands

- December 2011
- 3-day (Un)conference
- ~60 attendees
- Four tracks
- Backstage Museum Tours
- Sleeping in Botels

Tip:
- Due to three key volunteers with limited availability, it was very helpful to have a freelance event organizer.
Wikimania Photo
• Annual
• Biggest event of the Wikimedia Movement
• Global rotation
• EXHAUSTING TO PREPARE
• Multiple tracks
• Side conferences
Photo Hunting
Photo Walks
Hungary

• A weekly or biweekly tour
• Held in different parts of Budapest
Elef Millim
Israel

• 46 Guided Tours
• Monthly
• 10 – 30 participants per tour
• About 300 images uploaded per tour

Tip:
• Come to the lecture about it – many tips there
Contests
Wikipedia Takes Montreal
Canada

- August 2011
- Battling the remnants of Hurricane Irene
- 112 contestants
- 59 teams
- 394 targets.
- A total of 26.7 gigabytes of media were collected in five hours.
Estonian Science Photo of the Year

Estonia

• 281 Submissions
• Topical contest
Wiki Loves Monuments
Europe

- 168,208 Submissions
- 5,000+ Participants
- 18 Countries
- Submitted for Guinness World Record

- Come to the panel about the project
Books
Kulturskatter på nätet

(Cultural treasure online, how to do it (Sweden)

- June 2012
- Small book - how to put cultural treasure online.
- Walks through copyright, licenses, why, and why not.
- Written online and in a series of workshops
• September 2011
• Book
• Also anecdotes, behind the scenes insight and “historical” information
• Written by ~100 Wikipedians and readers
• 352 pages
Outreach
Offline
Wikipedia Offline
Bangladesh

• Santali Wikipedia
• Collect contributions of those who do no have internet
• Articles written on paper
• Team with internet type the text and uploads
Dead drops
Kenya

Internet being a major hindrance to access information in Kenya.

- Using text only version
- English + Swahili Wikipedia

Tip:
- Need a safe place for use of computers – University Campus
Cultural/ Language Preservation
Wilamowice
Poland

- Summer 2012
- Vilamovian language – 70 native speakers
- Elderly
- Create a Wiktionary and audio-recordings.
- Visiting Wilamowice village - record the native speakers
Mirandês - language spoken in a small area in Portugal.
Less than 15,000 native speakers.
Outreach to native speakers
Collaboration with cultural association
Education
Adotta una parola va a a scuola

)Adopt a topic in school(

Italy

• Contest for high school classes in Emilia Romagna
• More than 20 classes participated in the contest
• Four won prizes
• Next year – national

Tip:
• Both Offline and Online volunteers
• Find an enthusiastic contact person in the school
Bildung & Wissen
)Education and Knowledge(
Germany

• Specific programs for school children and teachers
• 1000 participants
• 100 events (since project begun)
• Part of the European-wide consortium TAO (Third Age Online) approach to senior citizens
Students Clubs as Social Service
Mexico

Social service – a requirement for a bachelor's degree in Mexico
• Negotiated recognition of creating quality articles
• Adopting article topics to the Universities

• Student Clubs in public universities of Mexico, UNAM and UAM

Tip:
• Make sure proposed article list fits the profile of the University
Information visualization university course
Finland

- Aalto University -
- Students assignments - information visualizations
Ambassador Program
Czech Republic

- Ambassador Program
- The Institute of Environmental Studies, Charles University, in Prague.
- Winter terms – 100 articles
- Summer term – 200 articles

Tip:
- Personal contact with students
World War I Editathon
UK

- 16 June 2011
- Six hours Editathon
- British Library
- Event “sold out”
- Bringing together 7 academics and over 20 Wikimedians

Tip:
- Make use of partner’s networks
Meeting Online
Israel

- Online Class
- Sixth graders

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxEV4ikxhkE&feature=relmfu
Guess the number of students attending?
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13,600
Can you guess the Budget?
Can you guess the Budget?
Lobbying
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Russia, France, Italy, Israel

• In Russia and France there is no freedom of panorama
• In Russia it is legally not possible to use the free license
Exhibitions
POTY Exhibition
Poland

• 16 pictures from POTY 2006-2010 printed on A1 size
• Mobile exhibition – seven cities
• General public

Tips:
1. It is easy to organise - just print POTY pictures and try to arrange a place in an art gallery or library hall
2. It helps to "wake up" local wikipedian community
Easier Access
Live search for English and all Indic languages for all wikimedia projects.
Integrated with Narayam
Cultural Heritage (GLAM)
WIR National Museum
Denmark

• Wikipedian in residence
• 200 articles written by museum staff
Partnership with musée de Cluny
France

- Middle Ages Themes
- Encourage all Museum staff to become contributors
- 26 people (more than half of the museum staff) present during two workshops in June 2011

Tip:
- Convince management to involve all staff (cashiers to general director)
GLAM with the Israel Museum

Israel

- Dozens of articles about notable artists created in English, Hebrew, Chinese, Russian, Swahili and other languages
- Dozens of images uploaded
- "Behind-the-scenes" tour of the museum for Wikipedians.
- Wikipedian in residence

Tips:
- Prepare the museum people to the culture shock
- Tell all the museum people to create personal users
- Prepare a wiki page about the project
Teylers Challenge
Netherlands

• Jan – June 2012
• Editing contest
• Teylers Museum in Haarlem
• Articles associated with Teylers worth points.
• Result: over 600 articles in 13 different language wikipedias: en (203), nl (141), ca (103), hu (40), fr (36), es (19), it (19), de (17), ru (6), uk (6), fy (5), pt (4), eo (2)

Tip:
• Invite the Catalan Army
GLAMwiki Santiago
Chile

• GLAM conference for cultural institutions

Tip:
• Campaign (posters, social networking, etc) - try to spread the word
Cooperation with the Paralympic Movement
Australia

• Working with the Australian Paralympic Committee to improve content about disability sport in Australia.

• History of the Paralympic Games in Australia written by the community, Paralympians and sport historians from around the country.
WIKIMEDIANS TO THE GAMES

Documenting the history of the Paralympic movement in Australia

Covering London in person
Wikimedians to the Games (W2G)

Australia

- Editing contest
- Press access
- Winners: two Australian Wikimedians will go to London and cover the 2012 Summer Paralympics held in London for Wikinews, Commons and Wikipedia

Tip:
Have the pictures uploaded and published within a day or two.
What is the Coolest Project?
• One clear winner:

Monmouthpedia
WELCOME TO MONMOUTH
CROESO I DREFYNWY

World’s First Wikipedia Town
Tref Wicipedia Gyntaf y Byd
Monmouthpedia

• 1,000+ QRpedia codes

• Larger ceramic or metal plaques for places exposed to the elements
• Labels for use inside buildings, e.g. for objects in museums.
• Glass stickers in the windows of shops to give information on their professions
Association of Stroopwafel Addicts
“Nothing has ever been achieved by the person who says ‘This can not be done’.”

Eleanor Roosevelt
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