

DISCUSSION NOTES

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DISCUSSION TOPIC:

EXPERTS

BREAKOUT

SPACE: 4

TIME: 11:15

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CONVENOR:

Spinster

KEY POINTS:

Know people who are experts get chased away — seen as conflict of interest or orig research. Wikidata is a lot more friendly to it than Wikipedias. We want in 2030: Experts will be welcome on our project

One problem: Students sometimes pernot professors.

How do we get w/ historians? Try model: have art historians look at article, verbally critique it — sometimes line by line — and video it. Then people who know how to edit WP can change the article. Post video on Commons, embed it on talk page — over months, community can use that info.

[from Andrew L] Experts & professors want their knowledge to be on WP. Why worry them with learning markup? Co-editing: pairing expert with experienced editors.

On Swahili WP → about 5 active editors. They know not to bother with English WP because it gets deleted. On other wikis, it's a lot easier.

On Swedish WP → ask universities, write summary of report on WP.

As researcher, part of your job is to do public outreach & make your work available. It proves impact of your work.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS (IF ANY):

We could give guidance to academics → show how to use traffic tool → this builds your reputation. Would that lead to self-promotion?

Promote through Nobel prize committee → they copyright pictures of winners.

* What if WMF ~~could~~ have staff member responsible for academic outreach? (Chief Academic Officer) → someone who can speak as peer to profs.

Or 1-year appointment for someone on sabbatical? Shows that we value expertise. This used to be a criticism of our communities, ~~not~~ GLAM has been breaking that down.

We need to meet academics halfway.