Wikipedia in the Library

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Tools for Researchers

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Project

- Funded by AHRC (UK Research Council)

- Focus on arts & humanities academics

- Research projects working with Wikipedia

Activities

- "Traditional" GLAM work at the Library

- Skills program – workshops for 400 people

- Project-specific sessions

Project outcomes

- Report

- Case studies & podcasts

- Guidance for projects

Defining collaborations

- Contextualisation
- Capturing research
- Content dissemination
- Exposing resources
- Student projects

Case study – Dunhuang

- International Dunhuang Project

- Silk Road archaeology

- Focus on context

- Editing events:

  – Wikipedia volunteers

  – Staff participation

  – Student groups (UCL, SOAS)

Case study – Canada

- Canadian Copyright Collection
- Preparation involved detailed research
- Community involvement in identification
- ...including local users
- All fed back into existing catalogues

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Case study – Darwin

- Darwin Correspondence Project
- Index of all correspondents
- Short biographies of scientists
- Capture this work
- ...and turn it into Wikipedia articles
- Public women-in-science event

Capturing research (II)

- Very valuable outcome

- Little "cost" to project

- Collaborative work

- Basis for future development

- And not just Wikipedia...

Guidance

[[WP:AHRC]]

- Informal – aimed at researchers

  – General principles

  – First steps

  – Examples & case studies

  – Enwiki focus; outlines sister projects

- Identify & avoid common problems <u>early</u>

Any questions?

http://enwp.org/WP:AHRC - guidance

http://enwp.org/WP:GLAM/BL - project

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