

# Wiki-events.

Local, national and international levels

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# Wiki-events:

- Wiki-expeditions
- Wiki-workshops
- Local Wiki-meetups

# Wiki-expeditions

Is an intervention to local community with a workshop.

**Goal:** to attract new editors to belarusian wikipedia, to extend the amount of articles and photos about places in Belarus.

## **Our experience:**

- Summer 2015: Bashni village, Belarus
- Summer 2016: Hodasy village, Belarus

# Activities

- Workshop for new editors (what is wikipedia + the main rules)
- Tour around the expedition place with the goal to make photos
- Edit-a-thon with new editors.

**Time limit:** 2 days

# Summer 2015: Bashni village, Belarus

**Wikipedians:** 2 people

**New editors:** 4-5 people

**New (or improved) articles:** 8

**Read more (in belarusian):**

<https://falanster.by/be/news/vikifikacyya-u-agragaradku-bashni>



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# Summer 2016: Hodasy village, Belarus

**Wikipedians:** 2 people

**New editors:** 8 people

**New (or improved) articles:** 12

**Read more (in belarusian):**

<https://falanster.by/be/news/vikifikacyya-hodasau-spravazdacha-i-karysnyya-parady-dlya-nastupnyh-viki-ekspedycyy>







# Notes for success:

- Contact with leader of local community.
- Pre-expedition survey about wiki-knowledge level and topics for articles.
- Create a template agenda.
- Offer a community leader to prepare sources with information about popular local people, places and so on.
- Gamification and peer-to-peer evaluation process.
- Reflection.
- Idea to offer aftermeetup activity (Smth like 10 wikidays challenge for newbies).

# Wiki-workshops

Is a workshop to learn how to edit Wikipedia and join wiki-community.

**Goal:** to spread wiki-philosophy, attract new people to Wikipedia and extend amount of articles and photos about Belarus.

**Method:** work with communities.

**Our experience:** community of journalists, students, movie museum, non-formal or alternative educational institutions, movie fest.



# Notes for success:

- Contact with leader of community.
- Offer topics that are close to community topic (For example, on workshop for the cinema fest community we add articles about cinemas, directors and so on) or make a brainstorm.
- Create a template agenda.
- Engage people from community in preparation process and in spreading idea to other communities or join the bigger community event.

# Local Wiki-meetups

- Belarusian wiki user group meetups
- Meetup with ukrainian wikipedians

**Goal:** To build a strong offline and online wiki-community in Belarus.

## **Challenges:**

- Active online members don't want to participate offline (don't consider offline and organizational activity as wiki-activity).
- Active online members are a closed and not transparent community.

# Working method

To overcome the challenges.

- Make all the usergroup activity transparent and inclusive: post the important information on forum, in open group on facebook, write minutes on the offline meetups.
- Open to new ideas from non wikipedians about common wiki-activity.
- Promoting the idea “what is wikipedia and its community and how to join it” in different ways: on wiki-expeditions and workshops, in posts and text? In wiki-helper manual book.
- Split orga tasks to smaller to make people take them and participate in organizational processes.





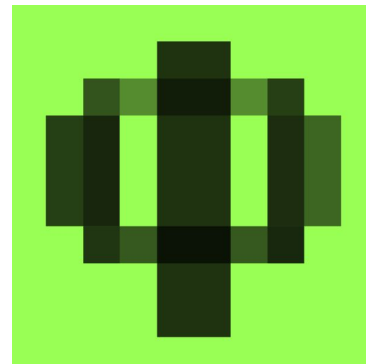


# Future vision

The idea to organize a camp for schoolers from villages where we made wiki-expeditions, for people who participated on wiki-workshops.

# The core of active wikipedians

Youth NGO Falanster (falanster.by).



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# Questions for ourselves

1. How to engage more wikipedians to offline activities?
2. How to organize wiki-expeditions better?
3. How to make a long last effect after wiki-workshop: make participants of a workshop to be active in wiki-community?