



Faces from the Wikimedia Movement

**A photo series by
Fayçal Rezkallah**

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About the photographer:

Fayçal Rezkallah a.k.a. Fay Lafaille is a photographer living in Oran, Algeria. He is a member of the Algerian Wikimedians User Group, He also teaches photography and manages a photography club since 6 years. Fay has held international exhibitions in Paris, Strasbourg, Sfax, London, and others. He likes to work with people, and has great interest in telling their stories in his portraits .



Introduction

The idea of this photo series was born during Wikimedia Conference 2018 in Berlin, upon seeing the collage of portraits of Wikimedians taken during Wiki Indaba in Tunis by Fayçal Rezkallah (known as Fay Lafaille). We arranged for a similar photo shoot for participants at WMCON, in order to capture as many faces as possible, and publish this series.

We chose the name “Faces from the Wikimedia Movement”, as opposed to “Faces of the Wikimedia Movement” to highlight the fact that this is just a tiny sample of Wikimedians that were lucky enough to have been present at the conferences, and to have had their portraits taken.

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The first Faces series at Wikimedia Conference 2018. Reda Kerbouche ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wikicon18_Dz_Rk_\(3\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wikicon18_Dz_Rk_(3).jpg)), <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/legalcode>



@aharoni

I have loved reading encyclopedias and finding mistakes in them since I was five. I've also loved learning foreign alphabets.

I have always had trouble with telling directions to people or knowing where is my left foot and where is the right when I'm dancing. That's why I love reporting bugs in right to left languages support and fixing them.

I use every opportunity to remind the world that most people don't know English.

Amir(a.k.a. Amire80)



Rosie (a.k.a. Rosiestep)

In university, I wanted to major in cultural anthropology, but my father said that was impractical, and so I earned business degrees, and made a nice career of that. But on 4 June 2007, I became a Wikipedian, and my life changed. I became an "armchair cultural anthropologist", studying, researching, writing about topics which interested me. So, to all the girls and boys out there with impractical dreams, I hope Wiki(p){m}edia opens doors for you, too. Sincerely, Rosie, 2016 co-Wikipedian of the Year



@Rosiestep



I am Wikimedian of more than 12 years. I like editing and programming for all Wikimedia projects and I enjoy discussing about Wikipedia. I believe that access to knowledge should be free for everyone and I help as much as I can so that the sum of human knowledge is available online. I am member of Wikimedia Community User Group Greece and I am engaged in outreach activities. My main interests are Wikipedia's Gender Gap, Wikipedia Education Program, Photo competitions and Hackathons.

Marios(a.k.a. Magioladitis)



Justine Toms

Dreamer, mother,
wikipedian, free culture,
free knowledge, free
people.





@krmaher

Wikimedia: we're messy, delightful, problematic, idealistic, good faith, self-correcting, ever-onward, truth-to-power, grassroots, and universal. Can't imagine a better place to call home.

Katherine (a.k.a. Maherkr)



Georges (a.k.a. Geugeor)

I am IT manager by profession. It was in October 2013, during the Afripedia project that my passion for Wikipedia was born. I work to make known Wikimedia projects in Cameroon and I regularly train to discover and contribute. Since 2016, I am a Wikimedian in Residence for Wiki Loves Women project. I am co-founder of Wikimedians of Cameroon User Group. At the same time, I coordinate these following projects in Cameroon : Wiki Loves Africa, Wiki Loves Earth and Wiki Loves Women



@geugeor



@blossomozurumba

Blossom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Management from the Coventry University, United Kingdom. She works as the Technical Aide on New Media to Nigeria's Cabinet Minister for Petroleum Resources.

She plays golf and freelance as a creative designer. Blossom has a teenage son who is getting set to immerse himself in a college program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has a young daughter that hopes to be a plastic surgeon, some day.

Blossom (a.k.a. Blossom Ozurumba)



Alex (a.k.a. Sadads)

Since first contributing to Wikipedia in 2005, I have grown to understand that contributing to Wikipedia is not just a hobby, but a means of influencing other people's lives -- opening their worlds to new perspectives and kinds of knowledge. Since joining the foundation, Wikimedia is not longer just a hobby, or a thing I do on the side, but has become a career: empowering a global community to share, shape and include more people in the effort to share.



@Sadads



dumisani.ndubane

Hello, my name is Dumisani Ndubane and simply ""Dumi"" to my friends. I work for the Wikimedia Foundation as a Monitoring & Evaluation strategist, which means working a lot with Affiliates and Numbers :-)

In my volunteer capacity, I am closely interested in seeing the emergence of organised Wikimedia Affiliates in the African continent, and as such I convened the first Wiki Indaba in 2014, to pave a way towards this dream. I also celebrate 10 years as an active Wikimedian in various projects.

Dumisani (a.k.a. DNdubane_ (WMF))



Imacat

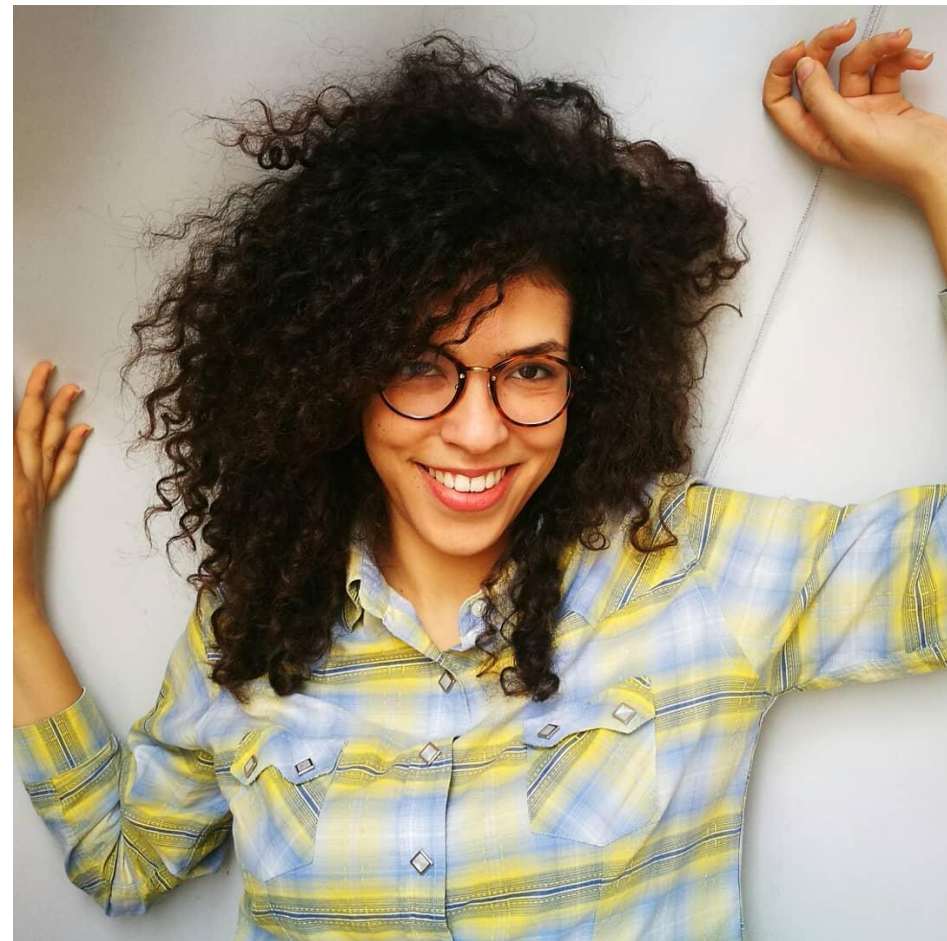
I'm imacat from Taiwan. I am an organizer on women and diversity. I am an activist in feminist, LGBT and social movements for a long time. I started to be an organizer for women in IT and free and open source software since 2010. With the help from Wikimedia Taiwan, I co-founded WikiWomen Taiwan in 2013. I was invited to joined the Wikimedia Taiwan Board in 2017. I attended WikiWomenCamp 2017 and WMCON 2018. I'm also a member of Apache OpenOffice PMC.



@runciecw

I am a cancer control advocate and curator of Wikimedia Abuja Hub. Wikimedia movement means: you, us and me.

Runcie (a.k.a. Kabusa16)



Nouha (a.k.a. NahNouh15)

The empowerment of information is making it accessible to people, in a sustainable and permanent way. Being a member of the wikimedia user group has given me the chance to contribute to making information easy and accessible and helped me learn that I am not just a passive receiver.

 @nahnouh.d



@Havingaflood

A Zimbabwean by birth, and a Capetonian by adoption, Oxford-educated Isla Haddow-Flood is a writer, editor and project strategist who is passionate about the advancement of open access to knowledge; specifically, knowledge that relates to and enhances the understanding of Africa via the Open Movement. Since 2011, she has been the co-leader of Wiki Loves Africa, Kumusha Takes Wiki, Wiki Loves Women, Wikipack Africa, WikiFundi and WikiChallenge African Schools .

Isla (a.k.a. Islahaddow)



Nahid (a.k.a. NahidSultan)

I hail from Bangladesh & Bangla is my native language. I've been an active Wikimedian since 2012. I support the corpus of Wikimedia projects as a steward. Other than my online contributions to the movement, I am also active in doing Wikimedia works offline—working actively for Wikimedia Bangladesh chapter where I currently serve as a secretary of the Board. For me, Wikipedia is more like the mirror of society but balanced, fact-checked and authentic one.



@nahidunlimited

Francesca (a.k.a. SonoFrussi)

My name is Francesca - known as Frussi! - and I work as Communication Manager for Wikimedia Italia. When I joined the Wikimedia movement in 2016 I immediately felt I belonged to it. I believe that free access to knowledge is key for a more democratic society: that's why everyday I try to work as a loudspeaker for the Wikimedia community in Italy. The more we are, the more we can achieve together!

Paola (a.k.a. Paola Liliana Buttiglione)



I'm very interested in the Wikimedia Movement because I love the way in which it brings people closer, despite the physical distance and political borders.



@Fraussani



You can either work, or talk about work. Considering that Stephane does not know how to code and Kiwix is, after all, a big piece of software, he's left to doing the talking, accounting, presenting, planning, communicating and so on. Call him a Jack of all Trades (and master of none). Other than that, he's been a Wiki editor since 2004 and will very much travel anywhere in the world as long as you can promise him food he's never tasted.

Stéphane (a.k.a. Stephane (Kiwix))



Mpho Sello

I am a curious person. I like to know about things and how they work. Wikipedia is always there to provide the information or point me in the right direction. I am eternally grateful to the volunteers who make this information available.



ankan.ghoshdastider

I have been with the movement since 2012, and in these years gradually I came to know about the Wiki movement more and more. I started my Wiki life in online world mainly, but later I moved to offline activities as well. Currently I am a member of Operations Committee, Wikimedia Bangladesh.

The Wikimedia movement is a huge movement and from my perspective, one of its prime targets is to serve knowledge to every nick and corner of the world, in the best possible way! It is one of our major concerns.

Ankan (a.k.a. ANKAN)



Med (a.k.a. bachounda)

One of the founders of WikiDZ, leader of the Algerian Wikimedia UG, his first contributions to wikipedia since 2005, he is most active with the Arab community. Together with the WikiDZ team he launched many activities to collect the content about Algeria. The latest successful project in 2018 is WikiMassak a MOOC in Arabic to learn Wikipedia which gathered 10,000 registered students.



@bachounda_



@AfroCROWDit

I manage the AfroCROWD initiative. Started by Alice Backer, we have been working together since 2015 to hold monthly events in the New York City area of the US and beyond. Our aim is to increase awareness of the Wikimedia and free knowledge, culture and software movements among potential editors of African descent. It is empowering to be part of the Movement, working with people all over the world dedicated to keeping knowledge accessible and open to all. We accomplish so much together.

Sherry Antoine



Mathieu (a.k.a. psychoslave)

As a contributor to various Wikimedia projects since 2004 as "psychoslave", I participate, whenever I can, in Wikimedia events like the conference where the talented Fay Lafaille took this picture.

On the t-shirt you can see the footprint of Sélène, who I have the joy of being the father. It is on this anecdote that Lafaille suggested this grumpy pose, although in fact I prefer to give out understanding and love, which is where the idea of bringing "Wiki Loves Love" to life comes from.



@sikob

My background is in online community organizing, and maybe because I grew up with parents from 2 different countries I've always especially loved multilingual and cross-cultural projects....and making mischief. I feel grateful to have found a home in the Wikimedia movement, with so many amazing friends around the world who share a passion for collaboration and a commitment to plural and expansive forms of free knowledge.

Siko (a.k.a. Seeeko)



Sami (a.k.a. Sami Mlouhi)

Hi! I'm Sami Mlouhi, a Tunisian 26 year old dentist living in Tunis, Tunisia. I'm the Creative Commons coordinator of Wikimedia Tn user group and member of the Affiliations Committee.

I used to know Wikipedia as a simple encyclopedia until I started editing, I discovered then an interactive space and a whole world called Wikimedia. Now, I totally believe that Wikimedia is a big movement built by various communities and leaders sharing the same goal: promoting free knowledge.



@Sami_Mlouhi



Spasimir.pilev

I'm Spasimir from Bulgaria. I started editing Wikipedia 10 years ago, when I was a student at school. I love two things - Geography and Wikipedia. I'm very happy to have the opportunity to deal with both at the same time. Because I'm an editor of electronic textbooks in geography, and in my spare time I write articles in Wikipedia, upload photos in the Wikimedia Commons and add information to the Wikidata. The Wikimedia Movement a great opportunity for inspiration and exchange of ideas.

Spasimir (a.k.a. Спасимир)



Rehman (a.k.a. Rehman)

Hello! I'm Rehman from Bahrain/Sri Lanka. I've been around since 2008, and work on articles relating to renewable energy and geography. Outside article-writing, I work on maintenance, infoboxes, templates, files, Wikidata, affiliates and policies, and other technical aspects. I'm an admin on the English Wikipedia and Commons. As someone lucky to have access to knowledge and the internet (as opposed to others in my country), I believe I have a responsibility to give that chance to others.



@hamedgamaoun

I am Hamed Gamaoun, a Tunisian-born civil engineer and freelance photographer.

I started contributing in 2013 to the different projects of Wikimedia.

The Wikimedia movement exceeds sharing knowledge and information, it unites volunteers from different countries to contribute more and assemble everything from data and materials for the future generations

Hamed (a.k.a. Hamed Gamaoun)



Elena (a.k.a. ElsaBornFree)

I'm a chemist working for the local government, as a civil servant. I love science but I also love history, literature, arts... I really enjoy helping to share knowledge, learning from others and exchanging experience. I love Wikimedia and Wikimedians!



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I am a Wikimedia projects volunteer, open data enthusiast and a co founder of Wikimedia Community User Group Tanzania, a group of Tanzanian Wikimedia projects contributors on extending the reach of Wikimedia activities in my country. My group impacts through both English and Swahili languages with much focus on expanding Swahili Wikipedia. Most of our activities are done at Buni innovation hub inside Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) building located in Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

Antoni (a.k.a. Jadnapac)



Vahid Masrour

Education and Wikimedia is a match made in heaven! While Wikimedia has been an implausible success story for crowdsourcing and making knowledge accessible to the world, its use in education promotes a necessary and healthy opportunity for all students to become knowledge creators instead of mere consumers. I want to help more educators understand and participate in this transformation of education.



@vahidm

Henning Braun

Michelle Pottier

As part of the WMDE event team, I'm very proud to contribute my knowledge as technician and event manager, to make this world wide movement happen.



It's great to be part of the Wikimedia Conference organizing team, since I can put my event management skills to good use to create ideal logistic conditions for the Wikimedia movement to discuss its future direction, to learn, network, share ideas and be inspired. <3



@marionarra_

I am from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and currently live in San Francisco, California (USA). I started contributing to the movement when I joined as communications manager for the local chapter, Wikimedia Argentina, in April 2013. I became a volunteer contributor in February 2014. To me, Wikimedia makes accessible to many what is usually reserved to just a few: the opportunity to make a change in the world, an impact that reaches millions, and changes the way we remember, the way we make history.

Maria (a.k.a. Macruzbar)



Farah (a.k.a. Fjmustak)

I first became a Wikimedian in 2005 by editing the English and Arabic Wikipedias. Since then, I've been promoting open knowledge in Palestine and elsewhere. I am honored to be part of this amazing movement!



fjmustak



@antischokke

I started working for Wikimedia Deutschland in 2010 because I wanted to dedicate my time to making a difference, to making the world a better place. Bringing free knowledge to everyone in the world is a radical act and I love contributing to that cause. With the global movement strategy process that I am leading, I am now at the heart of this cause: my goal is to facilitate the change that is necessary for Wikimedia to become the essential infrastructure in the ecosystem of free knowledge.

Nicole (a.k.a. Nicole Ebber (WMDE))



Abdallah (a.k.a. Abdallahbigboy)

I am Abdallah Azibert, I am a lawyer by training. I worked as a Wikimedian in residence for the International Organization of La Francophonie as a Trainer Facilitator for Wikimedia projects in Francophone Africa in 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. My mission was to support and train local Wikimedia contributors to increase their capacity to create, use and promote Wikimedia projects in French-speaking African nations.



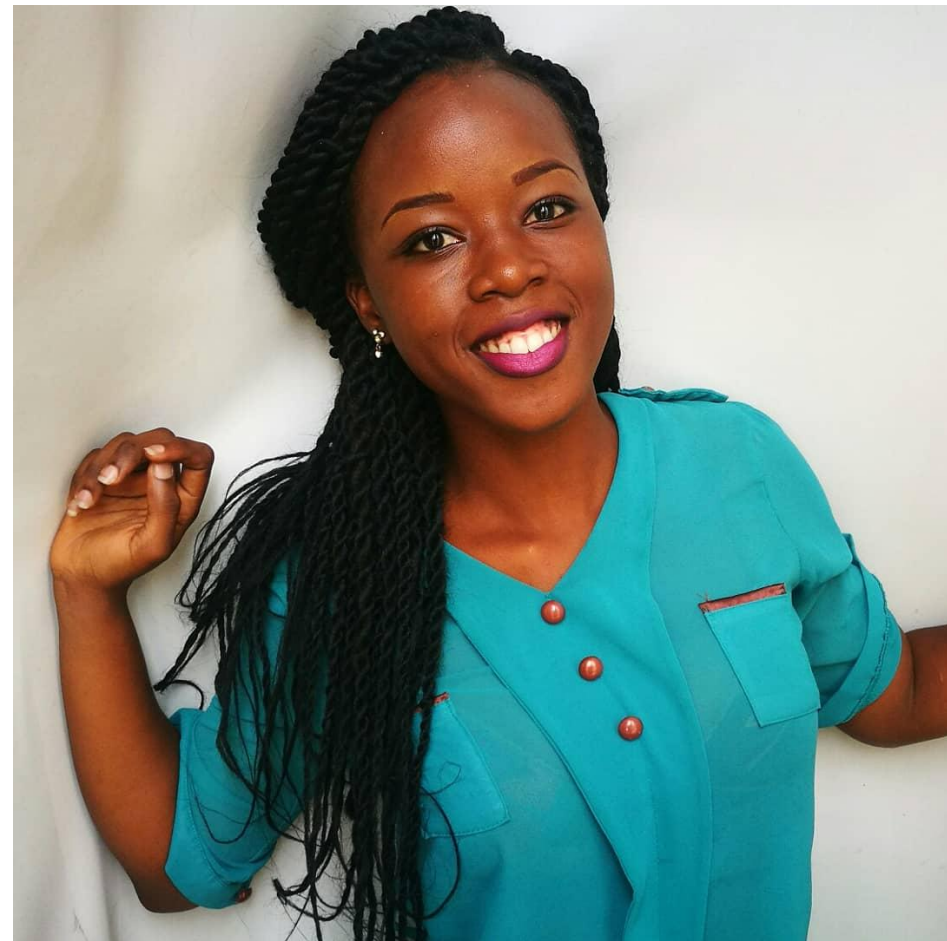
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@satdeepgill

I am a Wikimedian since 2009 and I mainly contribute to Punjabi Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons. I am also a member of the Affiliations Committee and the Language Committee of the Wikimedia Movement.

Satdeep Gill



Rosalie (a.k.a. Rosalieper)

I am a Computer Engineering student at the University of Buea. I am a great fan of technology and a Google Summer of Code 2018 intern at Wikimedia.



Born in 1970, medical doctor converted to ICT, designer and photojournalist of the site ww.vitamedz.com, a portal dedicated to the Algerian heritage. Everything is an excuse for me to open new fields of action, travel and photography remain my passions.

Hichem (a.k.a. Hichembekhti)



Georgios (a.k.a. Ggia)

I am a teacher of computers and a photographer. Free knowledge means an open source of education for everybody around the globe.



Ahmed El Arosi

Co-founder of Egypt Wikimedians UG, organizer and coordinator of WLM in Egypt Organizer and coordinator of WLE in Egypt Organizer and coordinator of WLA. Member of the program committee for Wikimania 18. Manger of Wikiarabia 17 in Egypt.



Zeineb (a.k.a. Zeinebtakouti)



Member of Wikimedia TN User Group. Organizer of Wiki loves monuments, Wiki loves Africa in Tunis. I am a Librarian, Wikimedian in Residence and project manager GLAM at the Diocesan Library of Tunis. The main goal of this project is to protect books that are in the public domain and through digitization of books, especially those which are rare or only exist in few libraries worldwide in order to share them online through Wikicommons and make them more accessible to international readers.



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@b_mahuton

I'm Mahuton from Benin. I'm a Product Owner for a French Luxury company. I got involved in Wikimedia projects 5 years ago. I'm most active on Wikipedia and Mediawiki. Currently, with the support of language experts from Wikimedia, I'm working on developing a Wikipedia in the Fon language, my mother tongue.

Mahuton (a.k.a. Mah3110)



Uzoma (a.k.a. Uzoma Ozurumba)

Uzoma Ozurumba is an Architect, a Lover of Photography with a keen interest in Graphic Design. She currently lives in Abuja. She is a co-founder of Igbo Wikimedians User Group, and has leveraged on this to share Igbo culture and language with the world through Wikimedia projects. Uzoma has as well participated in initiatives aimed at bridging the Gender gap in Wikipedia. She applauds Wikimedia for its commitment to empower every human with the ability to share knowledge free of charge.



@uzomaozurumba



@May_Hachem

May has 5+ years experience in the field of youth development towards sustaining Gender Equality across the Middle East.

Joined the UN Women team as a Regional Project Coordinator and Co-founder for Her Story campaign, Designed and submitted workshops for more than 3000 volunteers, Mentored volunteers to write and edit articles on Wikipedia to close the gender knowledge gap, Launching social media awareness about women rights and gender equality, and open source channels.

May (a.k.a. Mayhachem93)



Elgün (a.k.a. Wertuose)

Wikipedian from 2008, az-wiki sysop, Leader of Azerbaijani Wikimedians UG



@AlexHinojo

If you believe in the power of volunteering, Wikimedia projects are a place where you can contribute and have a huge impact in humanity...while in pyjamas

Alex (a.k.a. Kippelboy)



Rahul (a.k.a. Rahuldeshmukh101)

Rahul from IIT Bombay, Mumbai, is President of Wikimedia India. He is admin and among top contributors on Marathi Wikipedia. He is founder admin of Marathi Wiki source. He is associated with Government bodies like adviser to Encyclopedia Board, Language Advisory Board etc. in India. Some of his major contributions include offline Wikipedia, bridging gender gap, automation & technology for wiki, create knowledge consumer etc. For him Wikimedia Movement is to bring all stakeholders at par.

Joy is an Entrepreneur, Open Advocate and Quality Management Consultant. She is currently the Programs Manager of Open Foundation West Africa, a non-profit organisation that seeks to extend the reach of Open knowledge in Africa by providing Open Education and resources.

She believes the Wikimedia Movement is important because it serves as a chain of network that brings together people of diverse backgrounds, religion, culture, race who strive to promote free and accessible knowledge to the world

Joy (a.k.a. Joy Agyepong)



Luis Manuel (a.k.a. luismanuelpinto)

Wikipedia: An incredible example of hope for humanity, for its ability to self-organise and be driven by generosity.



I am a 22 year old medical student from Tunisia. I am a big passionate about cultural heritage, and it was the reason behind why I joined the Wikimedia Movement. In fact, I created an account for the first time in 2015 after joining the MedinaPedia Tunis project with Wikimedia Tunisia User group. The project was about monuments of the Medina of Tunis. Thanks to this small project, I am now member of what I believe is probably the richest and most creative international network.

Housseem (a.k.a. Housseem Abida)



Paulo (a.k.a. DarwIn)

Biologist, history researcher and wikimedian since 2009, born and living in Madeira Island, a 600 year old Portuguese settlement 425 miles west from Essaouira, Morocco. Member of Wikimedia Portugal. The Wikimedia Movement is the opportunity to take an active part on the most important and impacting Knowledge spreading movement that Humankind ever knew. While following the Yellow Brick Road sometimes one stumbles and trips - just grimace and continue, it only makes everything more interesting. :)

Samuel (a.k.a. African Hope)

Since 2008 as User:African Hope, Samuel been editing Wikipedia, in French mainly, as well as its sister projects. He was deeply involved in the growth of the his User Group in Côte d'Ivoire. Wikipedian in Residence, GLAM-WIKI Coordinator, and later, Vice-Chair of the WCUG-CI. What he enjoys the most is coordinating the User Group's edit-a-thons. This task implies preparing in advance the topics that will be edited, coaching contributors, reporting edits, etc.

Colette (a.k.a. Modjou)



Colette Guébo started editing on Wikipedia in 2015 as a member of the local user group of Côte d'Ivoire. Regular contributor since 2016 with the Wiki Loves Women, she attended the WikiMOOC 2017, a MOOC on Wikipedia organized by Wikimedia France, and obtained a certificate. Since 2017, she is a member of Wikimedia Côte d'Ivoire. She worked as a trainer for 1Lib1ref 2018 campaign in Côte d'Ivoire where she helped librarians to make their first edit on Wikipedia.



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Assistant Lecturer at Cairo University; Admin and editor on Arabic Wikipedia; Co- founder of Egypt Wikimedians User Group; Organizer of Art+Feminism contest (2018); Co-organizer of WikiAarabia Egypt (2017), WikiGap/Cairo 2018 & WikiWomen Prize for Arab World (2015-2016); Wikipedia Education Program Leader (WEP) at Cairo, Al-Azhar & Minya Universities for more than 6 years and active member of Wikipedia Education Collaborative (Collab), known now as Wikipedia & Education User Group (proposed).

Walaa (a.k.a. ولاء)



Biplab (a.k.a. Biplab Anand)

I am Biplab Anand from Nepal. I have being an editor on Wikimedia projects since 2013. I am a member of the Wikimedia Affiliations Committee since December 2017. Additionally I support the Wikimedia projects by serving as a global administrator, global rollbacker, global renamer and SWMT member. Besides my online activities, I am also active in Wikimedia offline activities for Maithili Wikimedians User group. I use this username in all Wikimedia projects.

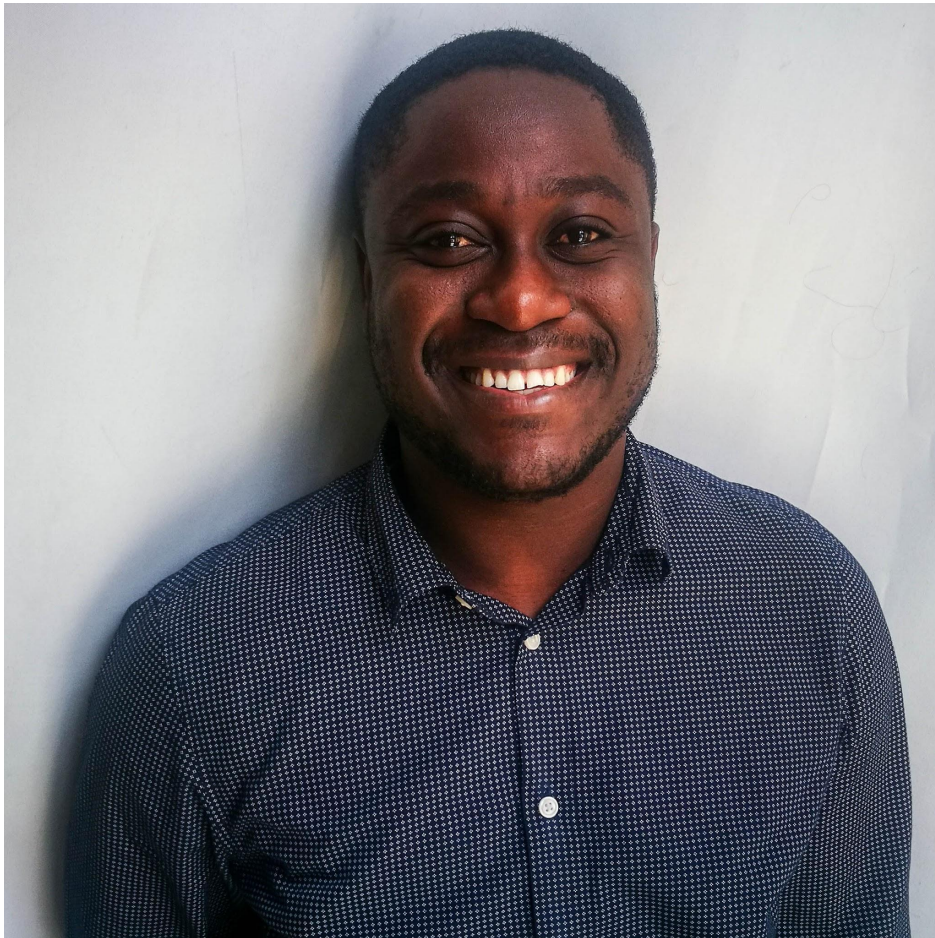


born4revolute



I am a Global Coordinator of The Wikipedia Library (TWL) and my work focuses on guiding coordinators, developing, tracking and documenting branches and its activities as well as supporting the creation of new TWL branches and doing various outreach activities on English and non-English TWL branches.

Felix (a.k.a. FNartey (WMF))



Abderrahman (a.k.a. Abdeaitali)

Long time reader of Wikipedia, I joined Wikimedia MA User Group as a member and hence the Wikimedian community as an editor, volunteer and an affiliate to the Wikimedia MA User Group. I mostly work with editing articles in Arabic, English, French and Swedish. The Wikimedia Movement is for me the best way to get wiser together with knowledge shared by people from all over the world.



Wikipedia came into my life when I was studying geography at university. Ever since that moment, being a Wikimedian is, in fact, my major in life. I am proud and happy to be part of the movement that is working so hard. Working not on selling products, not on creating weapons to rule nations, not under of the hunger for fame — but in order to bring free knowledge of the humankind to everyone. Only making pure science is more noble than this :)

Vira (a.k.a. ATA)



Habib (a.k.a. Dyolf77)

Wikimedian, Commonist, free software/culture advocate. Wikimedia means to me a great opportunity to contribute in the biggest free project that can reach and help every single person in the world.



@HabibMhenni



A Wikimedian from India. For me Wikimedia means equalisation of access to free knowledge. A hope for humanity. A model worth to emulate in the society.

Balaji (a.k.a. Balajijagadesh)



Maor (a.k.a. Maor X)

I was born in Venezuela, moved to Israel 5 years ago. Wikipedian since 2005, I contribute mostly on the Ladino Wikipedia but also in Spanish, English, Portuguese, Hebrew, and Wayuunaiki. The Wikimedia movement is my second family, and my dream is to make sure we have content in as many languages as possible, 'cause a person must not learn another language to acquire knowledge -and if I need to learn a new language to help fix this, so be it! French, Turkish or Arabic? Help me choose :-)





I have been a Wikipedian since 2011. I am a founding member of the Wikimedia User Group Nigeria (WUGN), and since its inception, I have served as the Outreach Coordinator for the group. I also recently founded the Ilorin Wikimedia Hub (IWH), which runs as a branch of WUGN. I have helped with awareness projects in Nigeria and I am a member of the Ombudsman Commission. Furthermore, I'm starting out a WikiProject called "AfroCine", dedicated to African cinema. My major goal is to fix content gaps.

Sam (a.k.a. Jamie Tubers)



Emna (a.k.a. Emnamizouni)

Emna is a Tunisian, Maghrebi woman, founder of Carthagina Organisation. She's an advocate for Open Knowledge believing that the Human heritage should be preserved: an active contributor and Spokeswoman of WM TN User Group. She is helping with the GLAM implementation (supervising MedinaPedia Projects). She is the Vice-Chair of the Affiliations Committee and the Program Co-Chair of Wikimania CapeTown 2018. Emna was the Communications Lead for WikiArabia Monastir 2015 and WikiArabia Cairo 2017.





tarkhan.pashazade

I am Jachly, from Azerbaijan and origin from Jack village in the Quba rayon. I'm living in Sumgait city. Date of birth: 29 November 1982.

First time I registered in Wikipedia on 21 December, 2006 as Tərxaṅ Paşazadə. But currently it's inactive. Afterwards I registered on February 8, 2009 at Azerbaijani Wikipedia in the username of Cekli829.

I have more than 306000 editing on the project and 47000 sysop actions only on Azerbaijani Wikipedia.

Tarkhan (a.k.a. Cekli829)



Zita (a.k.a. Celestinesuccess)

Zita Ursula Zage is my name and I have a passion for volunteerism. I love to add to the sum of human knowledge and its dissemination across the globe because I believe it's my own little way of giving back to society. The platform gives me the opportunity to write about Africa in a way that portrays who we truly are as Africans. Through joining this movement I earned myself another family filled with diverse people from all backgrounds who are knowledgeable and ready to support you.



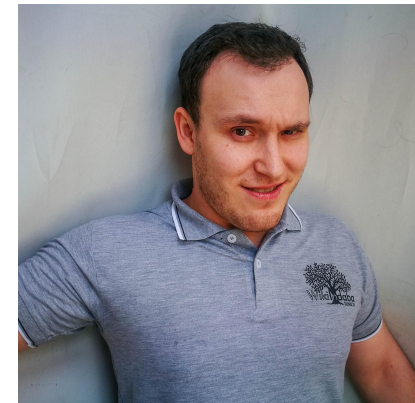
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I was born in Ukraine, but am now living in Saint-Petersburg, Russia. I'm a financier in State Company and also a creator of community for Russian speaking women, who want to know more about Algerian culture, laws and language. Wikimedia Movement for me is an opportunity to share my knowledge and experience with anybody who is interested in it. And also to gain new knowledge from around the world to expand my views.

Tatiana (a.k.a. Tatiana Kerbush)



Reda (a.k.a. Reda Kerbouche)



Born on December 20, 1988 in the Kazakh SSR, to an Algerian father and a Ukrainian-German mother. I have lived in Algeria until the age of 20, and continued my studies in Russia. The Wikimedia movement to me is an opportunity to share ignored or underdeveloped knowledge.



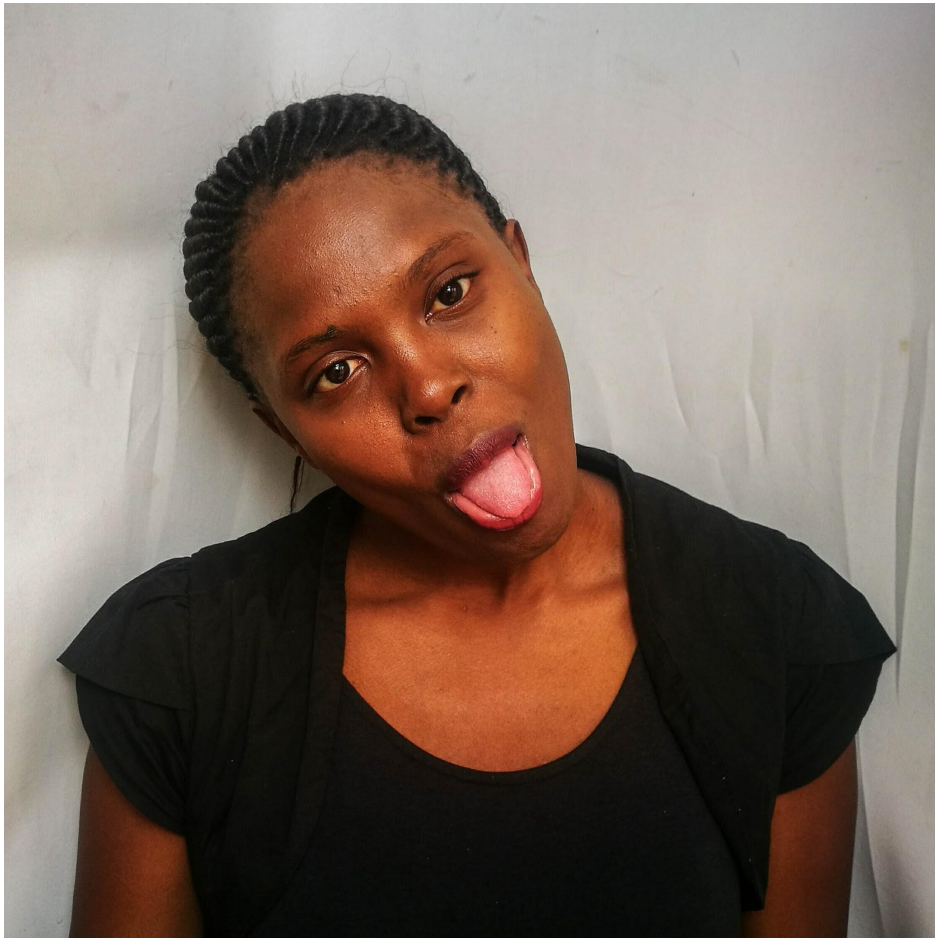
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I have been a part of the Wikimedia movement since 2014. In 2014, I was a Wikipedian in residence for a project known as Kumusha Takes Wiki. It was at this point that I started to reach out to communities and grow the Wikimedia user group in Uganda. What inspired me in the beginning was Uganda being able to tell its own story through Wikipedia. As I continued in the movement, I realized it was a tool of empowerment through sharing, learning and communicating.

Erina (a.k.a. Erinamukuta)



Anass Sedrati

Anass is a telecommunication engineer with a big interest in free and open knowledge around the world. He has combined his professional activity with his interest area (online activism). It was natural for him to be involved in a movement such as Wikimedia. Anass is a co-founder of Wikimedia Morocco User group, working to raise awareness about Wikimedia in Morocco, and also on subjects related to the country in the encyclopedia, highlighting the importance of mother tongues and local cultures.

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I am a Tunisian woman, working on the right to education for everyone, I started in 2016 working on a project that consists of creating libraries in primary schools in rural areas. For me, Wikimedia is a medium, crucial in ensuring the right to education and free access to information. I hope that one day we can provide all schools with no access to the Internet with Kiwix to help them access information.



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I joined Wikipedia in 2007. I was fascinated by the idea of an open and collaborative encyclopedia that everyone can edit. The Wikimedia movement helped me to be more sensible to promote the open knowledge and the access to information. I'm very proud that in 2014 I was able to co-sign the agreement that recognize Wikimedia Tunisia as an official User Group. I'm very proud also that since that our group was able to achieve important milestones like organizing WikiArabia2015 and Wikilndaba2018.

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I am team lead in the Volunteer Support team and and employee of Wikimedia Deutschland e.V., the German chapter of Wikimedia. I still can not imagine a more fulfilling, positively demanding and interesting task than supporting and strengthening the volunteers of the Wikimedia movement. Having a background in project management and communication, I feel honoured to be part of the biggest collaboration project of the world.

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