Queering Wikipedia × Wikimania 2022

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1: Title slide

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2: Speakers

- Owen Blacker, QW coord team, WMLGBT+ governance. Since 2004 (enwiki, wikidata, commons, frwiki, cywiki), he/him
- Z Blaće, QW coord team, first Wik-in-Res in Croatia. Since 2001 (wikidata, commons, enwiki, hrwiki, shwiki, wikispore), zhe/zir
- Mat Grochal, QW coord team, Chair Wikimedia Slovensko. Since 2009 (skwiki, wikidata, commons, enwiki, cswiki), he/him
- Natacha Rault, QW 2020 programming cttee, Founder Les sans pagEs. Since 2012 (frwiki, wikidata, commons), they/them
- ~~Vic Sfriso, Community Program Assistant, WMAR; wrote report on Queer biographies. Since 2021 (commons, eswiki), they/them, él and ella~~

3: User Group

- We are a cross-project, cross-language, cross-region Affiliate.
- We work in partnership with organisations and initiatives
  - Wiki Loves Pride and Mois des Fiertés, Wikipedia for Peace, LGBT Free Media Collective
  - With AfroCROWD on Wiki Unseen (drawing back into history the Black, Indigenous and POC — and Queer people — systemically erased from knowledge spaces)
  - Working with WMAR on helping translate their work around Queer biographies from their report *Wikipedia y las biografías de personas LGBTT+*
  - With national Affiliates wanting support with arranging Queer events

- We represent LGBTQ+ wikimedians at events — CEE Hub, Wikimedia Summit
- We also represent LGBTQ+ wikimedians more formally with the Foundation — as a Movement Affiliate and with Community Resilience and Sustainability, meeting regularly with the Trust & Safety team, for example
- We hold monthly coordination meetings on Zoom and you can get in touch with us through several channels — all listed on the Meta page Wikimedia LGBT+/Communications; we also have a mailing list linked from there.

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4: History and future of QW
- 2019: Tunisia → Linz
- 2020: Linz → online (Covid)
- 2021: online working days
- 2022/23: hybrid: online and translocal

What are the wishes of the LGBTIQ+ wikimedians and the larger community?

What are the skills and resources for developing a number 1 conference?

We need your involvement!

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5: Nodes
Trans-local connections with physical meetups as "Nodes" for hybrid Queering Wikipedia

Because we want Queering Wikipedia to be available to as many people as possible to join, it will be an online event.

But because we recognise that coming together in person is a core part of how people form connections, we want to facilitate people meeting up in person to attend virtually but together.

As a result, the budget includes money to fund "nodes", where a group of volunteers or an Affiliate can receive money towards venue charges and equipment costs, for example. This is very similar to the "satellite events" held as a part of Celtic Knot 2022. (When we upload this presentation to Commons, there will be a link here.)

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6: Topics: Queer biographies
Note: ~~We might add Vic Sfriso from WMAR here to talk about their Spanish biographies report~~

Examples on-screen:

- Anti-trans "POV pushing" on the English Wikipedia
- Updated "sex or gender" statement for American Olympic skateboarder Alana Smith on Wikidata
- 1 of many discussions from the Slovak Wikipedia about deadnaming and misgendering the American actor Elliot Page
- 2 Instagram stories from trans-masculine graphic novelist Jul' Maroh (sk: *žúl marô*) about transphobic editing of their article on the French Wikipedia (also pictured), including a toolbox of how to navigate the policies to have your trans-identity respected and changing your deadname
- Wikimedia Argentina's report on "[Wikipedia and LGBTQ+ biographies](#)" by Vic Sfriso

(I'll make sure to link each of these before we upload the presentation deck to Commons.)

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7: What topics do you want to see?

Likely topics:

- Wikimedia LGBT+ topics
- Increasing LGBTQ+ content and participation in wiki projects; Wiki99 and the LGBT canon
- Content guidelines
- Dealing with systemic harassment
- Networking, outreaching and recruiting diverse folx

Lane's notes on Wiki99

Wiki99 is the idea to have a list of about 99 Wikipedia articles which should be translated into as many languages as possible in order to establish common understanding in a field. The 99 articles should include defining concepts which are less related to any particular culture, and also cultural concepts which promote international diversity of thought in a field.

A major challenge with this list is international representation of biographies and concepts. *There is a bias in LGBT+ discussion and history writing to present topics from the English-speaking world and certain Western countries.* If anyone has a topic to share from outside Western discussion, and which would be good to promote for translation into every language as part of an international shared LGBT heritage, then please add the idea to the list.

The general idea is to have initial discussion in English as a common language, but then to translate the shared list into other languages so that everyone can share in the common LGBT+ culture and stories. The project works better when there is more cultural diversity presented in all of the listed topics.