

Nationwide project Miljon+ What, why, how?

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Miljon+ is an nationwide project to get the Estonian Wikipedia among the Wikipedia versions with over 1 million articles because our society needs a high quality free encyclopedia. So by the end of the project there should roughly be as many articles as there are Estonian language speakers.

This project involves cooperation with universities, museums, companies and other institutions. We have powerful partners to support more and more contests to upgrade Estonian Wikipedia and Miljon+ team offers free trainings sessions for those who need it.

Research

Developing students' academic literacies via Vikipeedia-based task

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Summary

Since Wikipedia is by far the most popular (online) encyclopaedia in the world – ranking among the top ten most visited websites – it is only natural that students, too, actively make use of its vast amount of information. This, however, has caused a fair amount of polarizing opinions among academics: while some of them tend to favour banning the use of Wikipedia in academic coursework altogether by pointing out its factual incorrectness and subjectivity, the others find that the ban could, in fact, do more harm than good. Academics belonging to the latter group find that Wikipedia is inevitability that should be accepted while students must be made more aware of how to use Wikipedia responsively (See Reilly, 2011; Koniezny, 2012). It is well established that using so called wiki tasks in teaching helps changing consumer-based notions and behaviour about Wikipedia and thereby highlights the importance of creativity or writing as a process (Dawe & Robinson, 2017). Furthermore, amongst the pro-Wikipedia camp, there are those who suggest that

Wikicontest



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Terminology



Popularisation



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Language Technology



Teaching and learning



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Workshop



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Year	Edits	New articles	Users with edits
2015	254,590	11,535	2,792
2016	206,229	11,801	2,689
2017	310,887	15,032	3,764
2018	307,047	17,567	4,444
2019	310,608 (?)	18,888 (?)	6,224 (?)
Source: Wikiscan			





