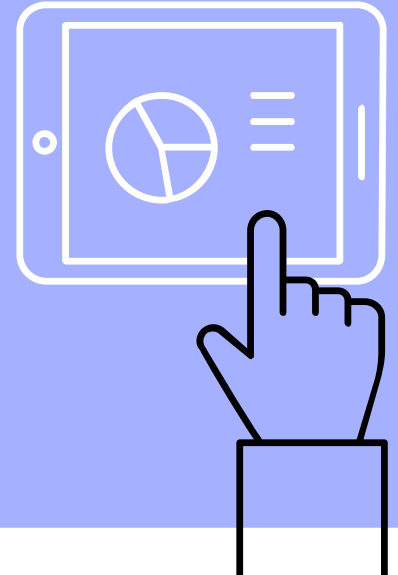
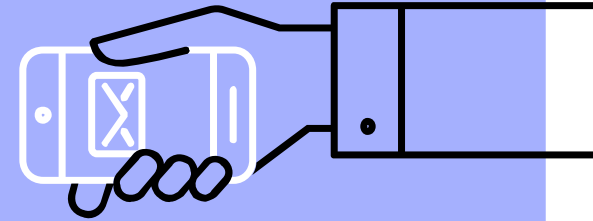
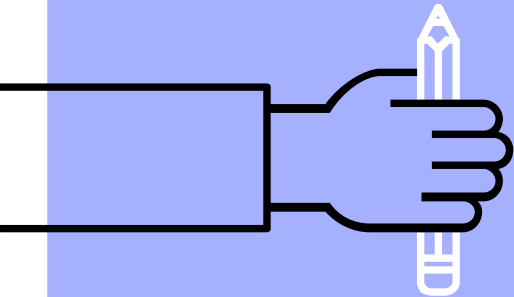
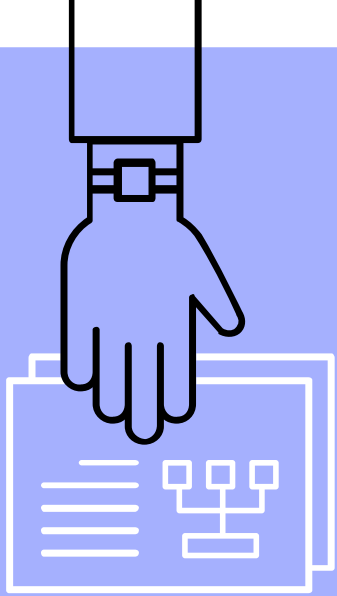


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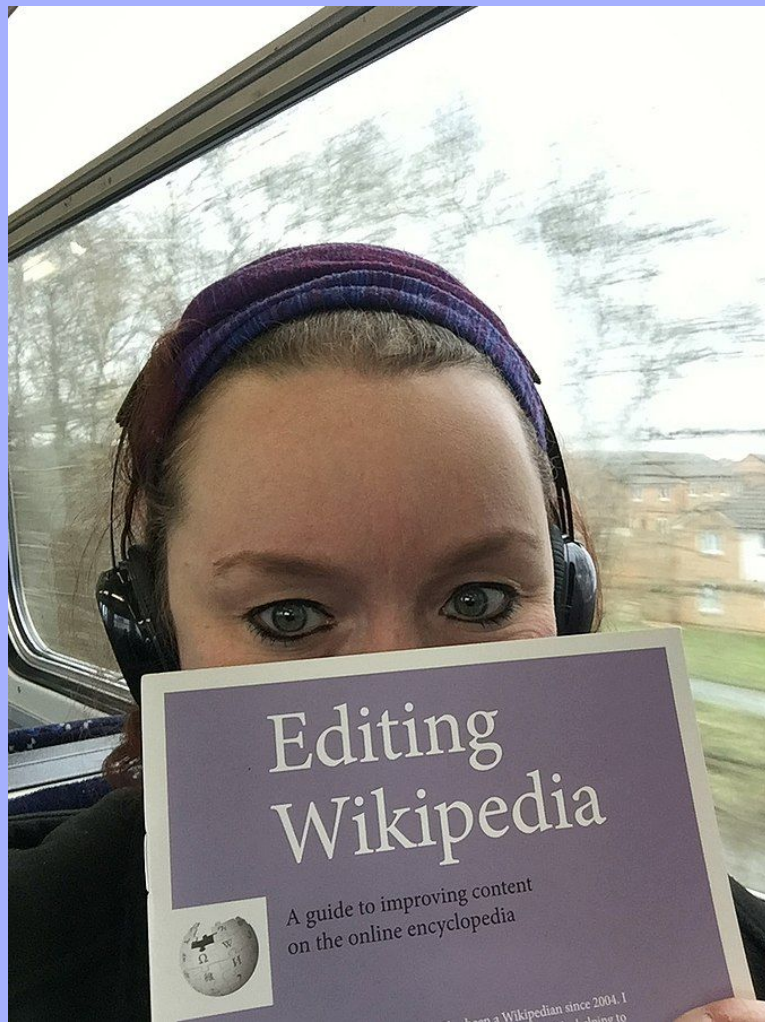
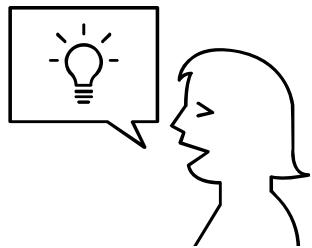
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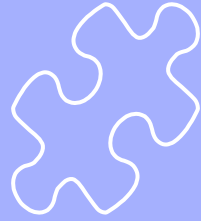
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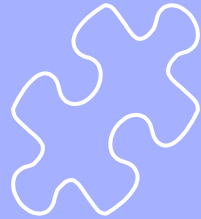
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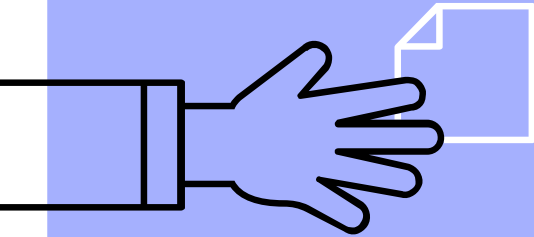
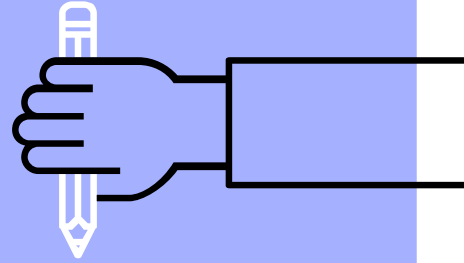
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Public engagement for researchers - why?

- ▶ Helps you parse your work for layfolk (what does that jargon mean, exactly?)
- ▶ Understand the significance of your work outside academia
- ▶ Feeds back into the development of your work
- ▶ **Knowledge is meant to be shared**



My
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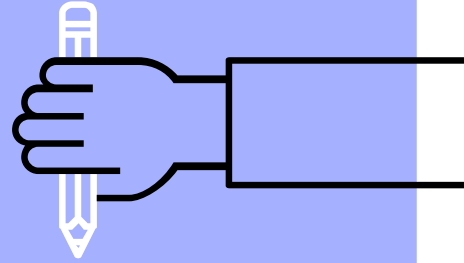
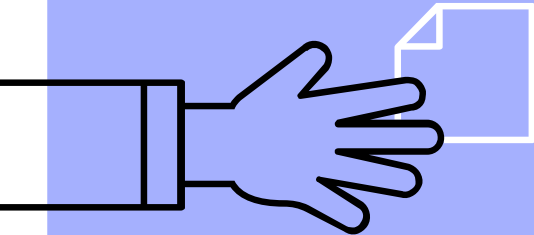


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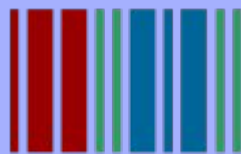




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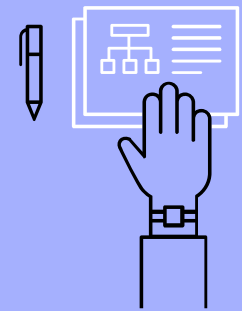
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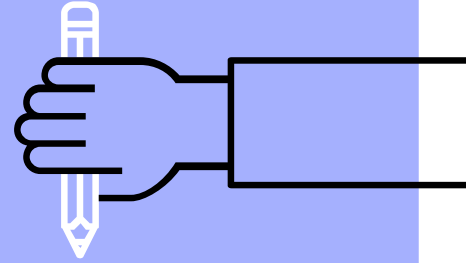
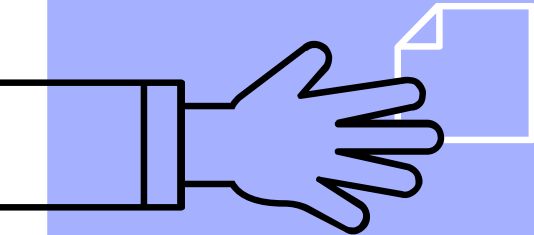
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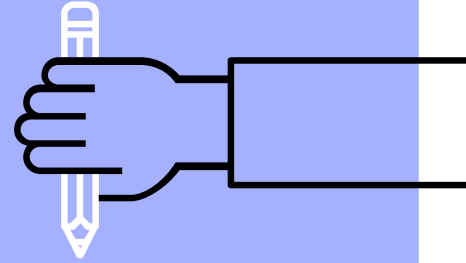
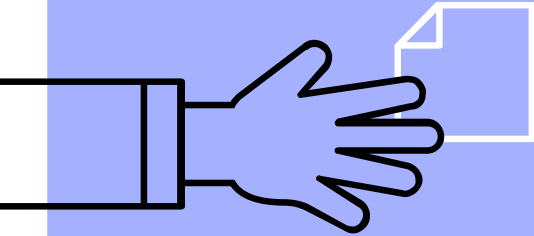
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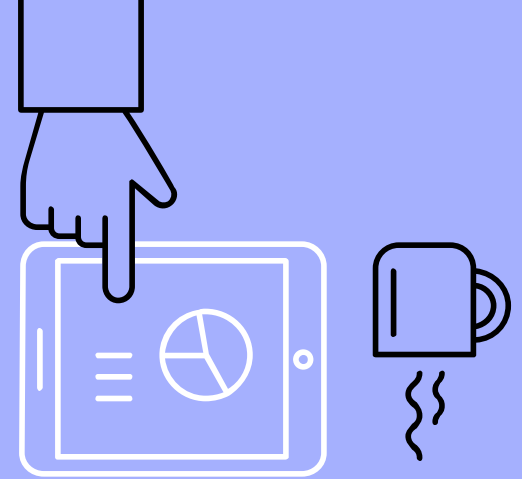
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