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"It's been great to work with people who weren't all that confident about their digital literacy, who are developing their research skills and who are getting to the point where they're almost confident about editing. It's a great experience."












Graeme Arnott

"Wikipedia is a wonderful hobby and such a great use of my spare time. It allows me to develop my skills as a photographer and writer, through contributing to a world-wide project that is doing something amazing - free knowledge for everyone. I love working and sharing with like-minded people around the globe towards a worthwhile goal."

Julie Workman

"Running training events with Wikimedia UK allows me to not only teach people about how Wikipedia works, but also allows me to gain valuable experience working with other people and learn about different teaching styles. The people that attend the training events are diverse with a wide variety of interests, so it's a great way to meet new, open-minded people and discuss topics related to both Wikimedia projects and the free knowledge movement. The support that Wikimedia UK provides to trainers is crucial to getting these events off the ground, and letting trainers focus on the actual training."

Dan Garry

-  **Wikipedia** – the free encyclopaedia
-  **Wiktionary** – a wiki-based open content dictionary
-  **Wikiquote** – a free online compendium of sourced quotations
-  **Wikinews** – the free news source you can write
-  **Wikisource** – the free library that anyone can improve
-  **Wikibooks** – the open-content textbooks collection that anyone can edit
-  **Wikiversity** – a community effort to learn and facilitate others' learning
-  **Wikivoyage** – the free worldwide travel guide that anyone can edit
-  **Wikispecies** – The free species directory that anyone can edit
-  **Wikimedia Commons** – a database of freely usable media files to which anyone can contribute
-  **Wikidata** – the free knowledge base that anyone can edit



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"...support the widest possible public access to, use of and contribution to open content of an encyclopaedic or educational nature..."

– Wikimedia UK's charitable objects

When you hear 'Wikimedia' what do you think of? Perhaps you think of Wikipedia - the world's largest online encyclopaedia read by half a billion people around the world every month. Yet the Wikimedia movement is so much more than "just" Wikipedia.

In the 21st century there will be more mobile phones in use than people in the world yet access to knowledge continues to be a barrier for many people around the globe, particularly when this is prevented because of poverty or politics. Neutrally written, community driven and curated online knowledge, published in three times as many languages as the World Health Organisation's information, is a powerful resource. Wikimedia projects reach people, engage them, and are grown across the world by those whose voices haven't been heard before.

Wikimedia UK is the registered charity supporting and promoting the Wikimedia mission throughout the UK. We support the Wikimedia projects which are developing freely available, freely reusable educational and reference material.

We are working with outstanding cultural institutions to increase access to public archives and document community histories. We are working with educational institutions to bring the benefits of free-knowledge culture and collaborative approaches to a new generation of students and teachers. We are using technology to connect, correct and expand the millions of articles and huge amount of media that the projects have already collected. At the heart of all of this work is the remarkable community of dedicated volunteers who are working together to discover, share and improve content that anyone can read and use for free. You can be a part of it.

www.wikimedia.org.uk

The Wikimedia Movement

Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.

- Jimmy Wales, founder of Wikipedia, 2004

The Wikimedia movement consists of the people and groups of people sharing common goals and activities with regard to creating and supporting free knowledge and educational content. The trademark 'Wikimedia' is owned by the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF) - a non-profit organisation registered in the USA, which hosts the Wikimedia websites known as the "Wikimedia projects".

There are many other organisations which make up the movement, from organisations built around specific themes, user groups, and finally geographic 'chapters' - Wikimedia UK is the United Kingdom's chapter. The people who read Wikimedia content, donors, schools, cultural and educational institutions, and organisations co-operating with movement organisations are also part of the Wikimedia movement. Without them there would be no Wikipedia.



User:Narender9 won one of the prizes in the 2012 international photo competition 'Wiki Loves Monuments' by choosing to donate this photo under a CC-BY-SA 3.0 licence. This stunning image of the rear side of the Taj Mahal is available for anyone to share and remix as long as they do so under a compatible licence.

Free content

Free content is any kind of work, artwork, or other content that can be copied, altered and redistributed by anyone for any purpose, subject to the requirements of the licence. Almost all content on Wikimedia projects, including Wikipedia, is made available under this licence. The reason Wikipedia uses free licences is to ensure that as many people as possible – the whole world, in fact – can make use of its content. The Wikimedia movement believes knowledge should be available to all and this is our way of sharing it with you – and we support free licences in all their forms.

Be a part of the world's largest open knowledge project

How does Wikimedia UK fit into this?

Wikimedia UK operates throughout the UK in a number of different ways. The charity has its office in London, and has supported partnership work with cultural institutions in Newcastle, Edinburgh, Coventry and Bristol. It also has members of staff based in North Wales and Yorkshire. It hosts a full calendar of events in cooperation with leading volunteers who have identified or offered to support events that range from focusing on editing sessions, 'backstage pass' tours of galleries and museums, to talks, photo tours and workshops.

The goals for these events vary - sometimes they are about giving people the chance to come and learn more about how to edit or upload images to Wikimedia projects. Sometimes they focus on making public cultural works more accessible by digitising them and sharing them under free licences. Some events aim to give volunteers, and particularly editors, the chance to access unique source material which they can use to improve and expand related Wikipedia articles. Whatever the event the overarching aim is simple; to get more people more involved in helping create and curate content that will benefit everyone.

What are the different ways people can get involved?

There are plenty of exciting ways to contribute to the Wikimedia movement. Whether you're keen to learn to edit Wikimedia projects or more interested in taking part in real world events, there's something for you. Our events are often led by volunteers, delivered locally and



aimed at a local audience. Staff can provide support in terms of training materials or setting up the event, but bringing together new editors and working to change and improve content is in the hands of those who choose to do something meaningful that will have an impact.

Broadly there are four types of roles that go into Wikimedia UK:

- **Editor** – someone who contributes content to one or more of the Wikimedia projects
- **Event co-ordinator** – someone who supports and develops events on behalf of Wikimedia UK
- **Organiser** – someone who co-ordinates the efforts of other volunteers to support distinctive programs
- **Trainer** – someone trained by the charity who is then able to teach others how to use Wikimedia projects

Membership

A great way to demonstrate your support for Wikimedia UK is by becoming a member. Members have the right to elect the Trustees of the charity, attend members' specific events and receive a monthly newsletter with updates about the chapter and the movement. Our members are responsible for holding the Trustees to account and ensuring the chapter is governed prudently while fulfilling the public benefit requirement of Wikimedia UK's charitable objects.

The membership fee has been determined by the membership and is £5 for an annual membership term. This entitles you to full voting rights within the charity and the opportunity to apply for grants to support editing work if you wish.

Get involved

If you're interested in volunteering or applying for membership you can simply complete the form opposite and post it at no cost. You'll receive an email with instructions for how to join online or highlighting volunteering opportunities that match your interest in your area. So, take two minutes to fill this out and pop it in the post - and join a vibrant community of people taking part in delivering the Wikimedia mission in the United Kingdom.



I am interested in hearing more about volunteering with Wikimedia UK

I am interested in becoming a member of Wikimedia UK

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Username

(*Optional - and applies to current Wikimedia editors only*)

I would particularly like to know more about (*tick as many as you wish*):

Attending a meetup or event

Learning to edit

Learning how to donate images

Making material from local cultural institutions available

Working with educational institutions