Wikipedia for Educators
Online Training
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Wikipedia Education Program in Greece

We have organized WEP projects in Greece since 2010 in various schools, mostly in universities but also in secondary schools. We have trained and mentored more than 1207 students in all educational levels, with hundreds of articles and photos uploaded in Wikipedia and Commons (last count: 540 new articles, 132 images). Some teachers have used Wikipedia in their classroom independently, with or without being experienced themselves.
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Some teachers have used Wikipedia in their classroom independently, with or without being experienced themselves. Some of them found problems.

They need our help!
Teaser video
Teaser flyer
Educators demography

- 81% working in public education
- 24% unemployed in current year
- 56.3% female
- 43.7% male
- 10.2% tertiary education
- 14.2% adult education
Educators stats

- 279 interested
- 151 enrolled
- 51 finished the course

- 11.3% Wikipedia is not a reliable source (at beginning of the course)
MOOC: Wordpress + Learnpress addon
Introduction
Wikipedia in Education videos

Most participants found the WEP videos extremely valuable.
Almost all participants found the tutorial videos extremely valuable.
How useful were the help texts we have given?
Blue: extremely useful,
Red: very useful
Orange: just useful
Views greater than realtime participation.
Educators about the course

“I like that the materials are there to study according to my own schedule.”
Educators about the course

80.7% spent 1-3 hours per week
15.8% spent 4-5 hours per week
(@ 5th week)
Educators about Wikipedia after the course

"Extremely interesting and with many possible applications in the classroom. Relatively simple to edit and therefore easy to learn by students. Its operating framework is strictly defined and this helps to adopt correct digital behavior."

"Interesting experience, mainly due to the many scientific fields that can be involved, but also the plethora of ways it provides for its integration into the educational process."

"It helps you to learn actively rather than passively. This is the most important element."

"I learned a lot of things [...] to apply with my students the practices I learned."
Finally...

5 volunteers
2-3 weeks preparations
8 weeks course
2 weeks follow up and assessment

Financial cost: ~0 euros
Teachings and drawbacks

- Recent changes to the analytic school program make the implementation of school projects more difficult
- We plan to organise a form that mixes online and real life meetings to enhance efficiency
- Online tutorials make the audience wider but lose in specialised mentoring
Questions?

I will be happy to answer to your questions and listen to your suggestions!
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