



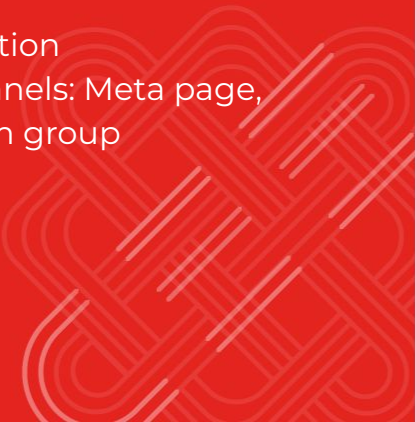
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Meet the CEE Youth Group

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What is CEE Youth Group

- Pilot initiative by the CEE Hub
 - Defining Youth age: up to 26
 - Initiated in May 2023 by CEE Hub - Klára Joklová (WMCZ) and Barbara Klen (CEE Hub)
 - 20 members and supporters (out of which 15 youngsters)
 - Scope of work
 - International cooperation
 - Communication channels: Meta page, Email group, Telegram group
 - Future plans
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SOME WAYS OF MOTIVATING THE YOUTH: WIKICLUBS, COLLABS WITH UNIVERSITIES AND WIKICAMPS



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The beginning...



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My motivation



- The sense of community belonging
- The urge to create trustworthy content for the greater good,
- The satisfaction of using and sharing my knowledge in the field
- Friends for a lifetime
- A network of acquaintances from different walks of life
- The feeling of being useful.



Impediments for young people

- What's my *benefit*? What should I get from it?
- Lack of *motivation*
- How to make them stay? In other words, *sustainability or continuity*.

Programs as solution

- WikiClubs
- Collaborations with universities + thematic edit-a-thons
- WikiCamps

WikiClubs

Make editing Wikipedia a habit

Basic information

- Usually within a school or a youth center
- Has a coordinator (paid position)
 - Teacher or active editor
- Meetings 3-4 times a week

Some statistics

- Currently, there are 7 Wikiclubs in Armenia
- Active members 156 (as of August 31, 2023)
- 112 girls and 44 boys

Just look at these pictures



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What's their motivation

It makes me feel important.

It's fun!

I like being a part of a Wikiclub and making new friends.

I am gaining knowledge myself and also helping others.

I think I am doing a worthy job.



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“WikiClub graduates”



Collabs with universities



New youth members



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In the past 8 months 106 students joined the movement through collabs



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WikiCamps as motivation

Why does it work?

- Meeting peers, people with similar interests
- Gathering together in one place and sharing experience
- Not only working on Wikiprojects, but also having fun:
 - sports activities
 - cultural events
 - intellectual games
 - singing, dancing, cooking
- Inclusiveness: everyone is welcome cause it's a safe space
- Strict selection process because of high interest
 - more than 300 applications each time
 - overall 32 WikiCamps with more than 1,600 participants
- Experienced trainers for each group



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and

Have fun with us!



**Youth related activities in
Czechia
Jan Beránek**

Youth & Seniors – how does it work?



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Wikiclubs



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Czech Wikimedia Discord



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Youth related activities in Ukraine and something from Lithuania - Valentyn Nefedov

- Youth activities (is there any?)
- Schools and universities
- Discord
- Lithuanian teaser



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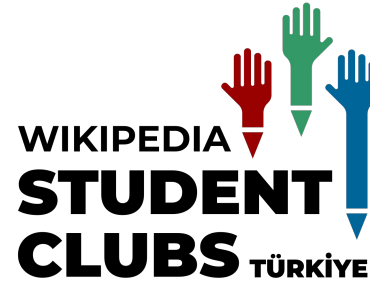
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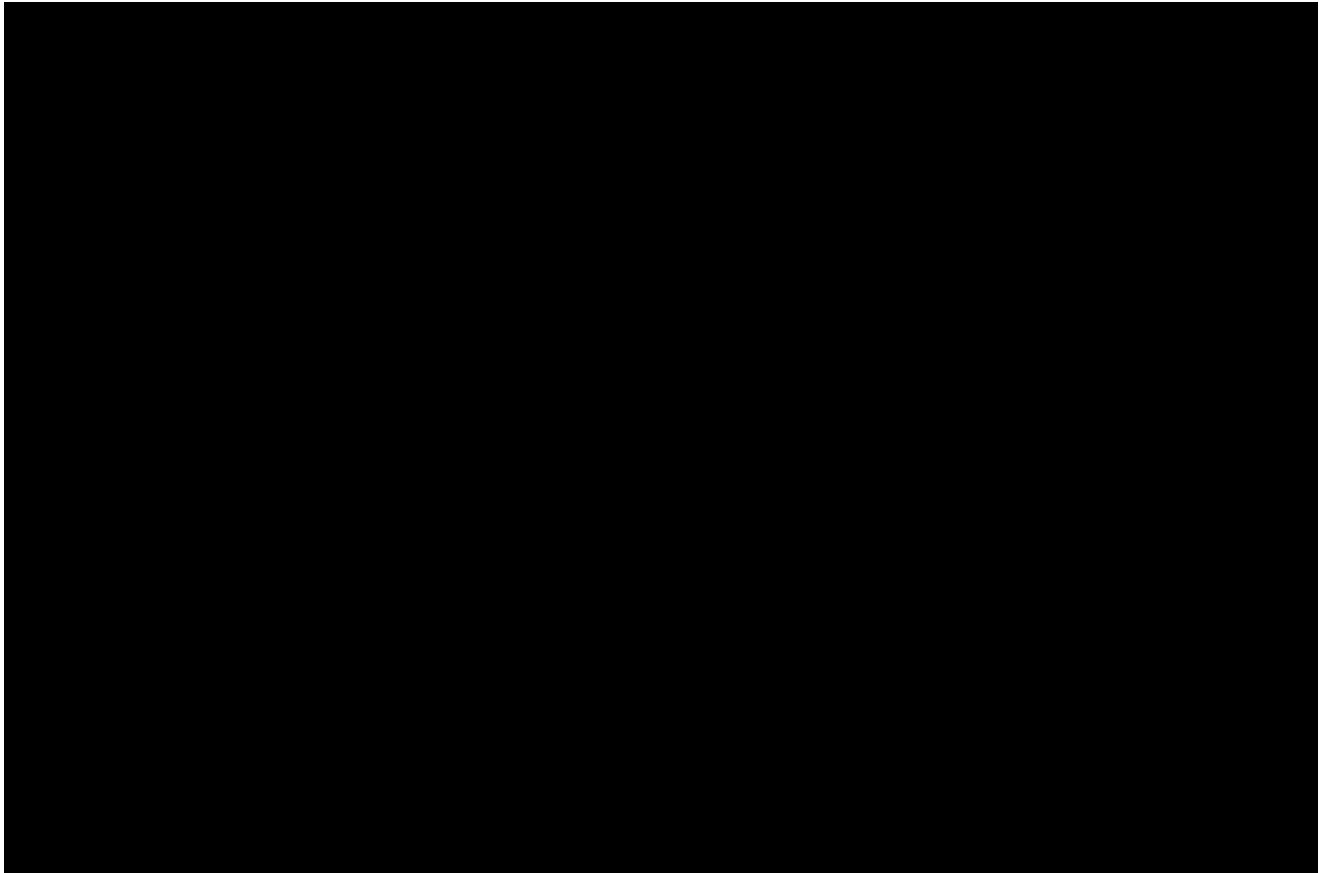
Youth related activities in Türkiye - Yılmaz Caner Özyayıkçı

- Which programs do we in Türkiye implement?
- Scope of work of young volunteers?
- How are youth members managed (by whom)?
- Which communication channels are we using?
- How many youth members are there?
- How can new members join us?



Youth related activities in the Balkans - Denis Smajlović

- What is Cross-Project Collaboration Initiative?
- Main goal
- Who is taking part in it?
- How and when did this initiative start?
- Who is managing it?
- Which communication channels are we using?
- Next steps?
- How can others join you?



Are there any questions?



Thank you!

Follow our work on Meta:

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_CEE_Hub/Youth_Group

Reach out to us: youth@wmceehub.org

