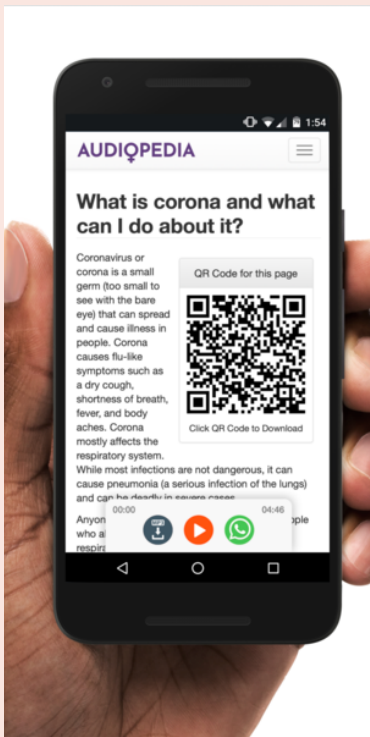


UNLOCK Accelerator

Projects 2020

More than 50 teams with promising and innovative ideas for free knowledge applied for the UNLOCK Accelerator program in 2020. Five of them have convinced us of their potential. The project teams participate in our 3-months Accelerator program and will turn their ideas into minimal viable products. The five projects are diverse and range from an app, with which all important information about politicians can be retrieved directly at the election poster or a platform for audible knowledge to an inclusive solution to capture marginalised voices in future design. What unites all these ideas: They promote and support free knowledge.

AUDIOPEDIA



800 million people worldwide can neither read nor write - $\frac{2}{3}$ of them are women. Those people have no access to essential knowledge that includes topics such as health, nutrition and organic farming. Audiopedia wants to solve this issue with audible freely accessible knowledge, collaborative content creation and sharing like it's done on Wikipedia. In the UNLOCK program the project team will turn their static prototype into a "wikified" and more localised version through the development of a Mediawiki extension. With this extension it is possible to generate a suitable QR code for each audio, providing easy access to the respective knowledge. That way an Audiopedia is being created on the spot where it is needed and can reach millions of people in the global south.

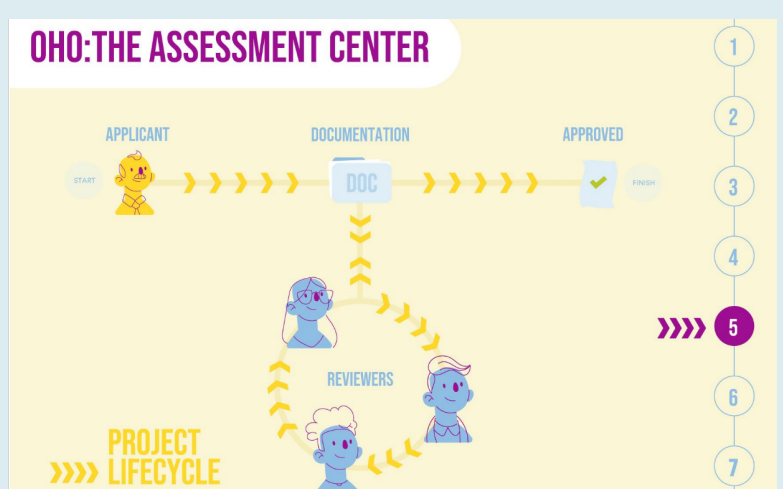
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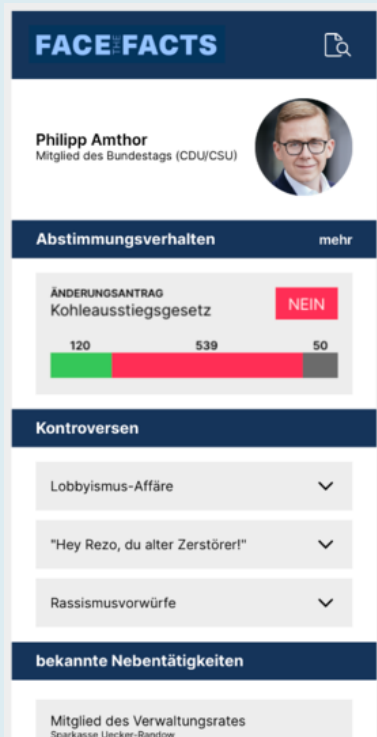
COMMUNITYBASIERTE
ZERTIFIZIERUNG VON
OPENSOURCE HARDWARE

How do you manufacture, repair or upcycle things that you use in your daily life? Although technical products determine our lives and our environment, we as individuals often don't know much about how they are made. While the number of free licensed products is increasing, there is still a lack of an independent infrastructure and standards for an uniformed documentation of Open Hardware (OH). The platform "Open Hardware Observatory (OHO)" wants to set standards that helps document, certify and internationally disseminate free technical knowledge of OH and Do it Yourself (DIY) projects.

The UNLOCK program will provide support to the project team in order to revamp the current version of the platform oho.wiki and further develop a more user friendly workflow. The core element will be the community-based certification of OH projects including reviews, feedback loops and connections to other platforms.



Website: <https://de.oho.wiki/wiki/Home>



Face the Facts is a web-based app, which makes it possible for users to get all important information about political candidates, such as past voting behaviour, controversies or sideline activities directly by scanning the election poster. Instead of tediously searching for and compiling all information from different sources, users can easily scan the photo of the candidate and the Face the Facts app recognises the person on the poster and provides you with all relevant data. The project wants to reach a young target group and non-voters, who - beyond the election season - either are not interested in or do not find much time in their everyday lives to inform themselves about politics. The app should be launched and ready for the next German federal election in 2021.

FUTURES PROBES

The pilot project was initiated during the Coronavirus lockdown and posed the question: is there anything good despite all the negative and unpleasant implications caused by Coronavirus lockdown measures - something like positive side effects? If yes, then which of those should we keep for a future after the pandemic? Futures Probes want to collect wishes and "voices" for the future from as many diverse people as possible (especially those who are often not being heard or seen) and make them visible. That way the project aims to initiate a more inclusive public discourse about desirable futures and "futures literacy" in general. The project sees itself as a counter-project to a "top-down" future design commonly dominated by research institutions.

At UNLOCK, the team will develop a platform that invites people to help shape visions of the future on specific topics. These different visions of the future will be publicly accessible and should ideally serve as a source of inspiration and as a base for discussions on how to shape the future (for individuals and in best case also for decision-makers).



Website: <https://www.futuresprobes.com/>

Unfrequently Asked Questions



UnFrequently Asked Questions is a web-based app that allows its users to playfully engage with their immediate surroundings and to document their experiences on-the-go. The idea was developed during the Covid-19 pandemic which greatly impacted the way we experience everyday life. By collecting ethnographic data the app also acts as a civic participation tool which allows institutions, such as municipalities and health or social organizations, to gain insights into citizens' needs and to incorporate them into decision-making processes.

Website: <http://www.unfaq.art/>