

Whose Faces are Missing from Wikipedia?

(hint: it's still women)



Whose Knowledge?

We support women, people of color, LGBTQI folks, indigenous communities and others from the global South to write our own histories.

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INVISIBILIZAR
A LAS MUJERES
DE LA HISTORIA
TAMBIEN ES VIOLENCIA
#EDITATONA

We're seeing progress in writing women's history...

Spanish Wikipedia - 23% of biographies are women

English Wikipedia - 15%

Indonesian Wikipedia - 10%

Source: <http://whgi.wmflabs.org/gender-by-language.html>



THE DALIT HISTORY WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON!

#DALIT HISTORY MONTH

APRIL 15TH 12-4 PM , SCHOOL OF INFORMATION , UC BERKELEY
ROOM 202
BRING YOUR COMPUTER!

TELLING OUR STORIES IN OUR OWN VOICES !

OUR HISTORY IS THE RESISTANCE OF PEOPLES OPPRESSED BY CASTE.
DALIT HISTORY IS HISTORY OF THE SUBCONTINENT.
TOO LONG TOLD BY SAVARNA VOICES, WE NOW USE DALIT, ADIVASI AND
BAHUJAN PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE TO TELL OUR OWN STORIES ON WIKIPEDIA.

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY DALIT HISTORY MONTH IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
WHOSE KNOWLEDGE? CAMPAIGN
#DALITHISTORY #WHOSEKNOWLEDGE

...but women are also invisible



when our faces are missing

Amna Suleiman

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Amna Suleiman (born 1988) is a teacher and advocate for women's [cycling](#) in [Gaza](#). As of 2016, she leads the only women's cycling club in Gaza.^[1]

Suleiman was born in [Damascus, Syria](#) and moved to Gaza in 1990.^[1] As of 2016 she was living in [Jabalia Camp](#) a [Palestinian refugee camp](#) located 3 kilometers (1.9 mi) north of [Jabalia](#), where she volunteers at a local orphanage, teaches the [Quran](#), and cycles with a local group of women.^[1]

Amna Suleiman	
Born	1988 Damascus
Occupation	teacher
Known for	cycling

Role in women's cycling [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

In the region where Amna Suleiman cycles, the [Gaza strip](#), the custom is for women to not ride their bike past the age of [puberty](#).^[2] Suleiman began cycling in 2015 for health reasons and to remind herself of better times in her childhood. Soon after, she established what is considered to be the first women's cycling club riding under the [Hamas](#) party's administration in Gaza.^[1]

Women's participation in sports has been restricted in the Gaza strip since the Hamas party came to power. According to Ahmad Muheisin, an official in Gaza's youth and sports ministry office, women's cycling is considered to be a "violation" of Gazan values.^[1] Some have noted that it was more common for women to ride bikes in Gaza before the mid-1980s. ^[1]

Suleiman advocates for women to continue riding bicycles after puberty, and has been quoted in the *New York Times* telling young women in Gaza that they should insist to their future husbands permission to cycle be a condition of their marriage.^[1] In 2016 she was profiled by



Grace Banu


From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Grace Banu is a [Dalit](#) and [transgender](#) activist. A computer engineer, Grace Banu is the first Dalit transgender person to be admitted to an engineering college in the state of Tamil Nadu.^{[1][2][3][4][5]} As of 2014, she held an Engineering seat at [Sri Krishna College of Engineering](#).

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Dalit and transgender activist Grace Banu from Tamil Nadu, India 

Early life [edit | edit source]

Grace was born in [Tamil Nadu](#) into a Dalit family. Very early on, in school, she was not allowed to attend the regular hours of 9.30 am to 4 pm.^[6] She was told that in order to attend school she had to agree to come in to school at 10 am, after all the other students were in and settled, and leave at 3.30 pm before others finish. Other students were told that they would be punished if they interacted with Grace. This kind of untouchability based on both her Caste and gender identity caused her to attempt suicide and give up on the idea of finishing school ^[7]



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Let's fix this





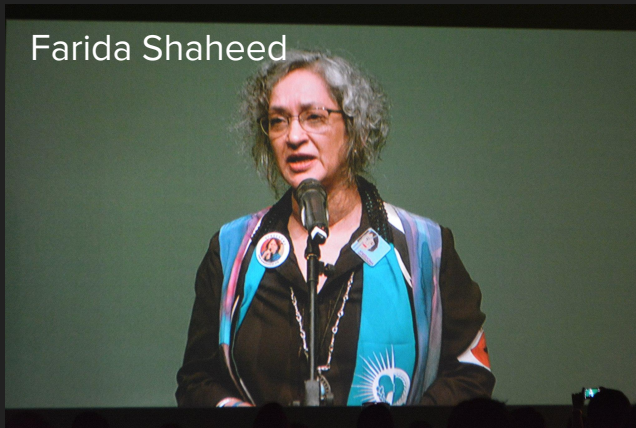
Wikimujeres delegation at AWID 2016 Forum
5 women and 1 good camera (gracias, Carmen!)



Aura Lolita Chávez Ixcaquic



Aïssatou Cissé



Farida Shaheed



Jurema Werneck



Cynthia Rothschild

Missing Women's Images Drive

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

November 25 - December 10
(this year's focus: education)

Can we use this time to make women's images more visible
on Wikimedia projects?

The plan

Wikimedians
(WikiWomen, affiliates)

+

Global/local women's
organizations

experts in organizing
contribution drives,
Commons uploads,
Wikipedia and Wikidata

experts in organizing 16
days campaign, hosting
events where notable
women gather (also for
photos!)

Photograph, license and upload photos of notable women
for use on Commons and Wikipedia

Operating principles

What it is: a general theme, with suggestions and tools for organizing, which can be adapted to your context.

What it is not (this year): a big contest for newbie participation like WLM. It will not focus on large-scale organizational image donations right now (unless one drops into our virtual laps!)

Timeline

Preparations (July - October): planning and organizing teams, connecting with partners, building lists, finding events or collections for photos

Drive (November): taking and releasing photos, uploading to Commons

Follow-up (December - February): adding images to Wikipedia, creating articles for images, Wikidata identifiers, celebrating contributions

Partners

Center for Women's Global Leadership - started 16 days campaign

Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

- organizes Take Back the Tech

Local feminist/women's organizations - events, photos

WikiWomen (you! affiliates!) - local planning, partnerships, image drives

Whose Knowledge? - global coordination and fundraising



Let's do this!

Want to organize the image drive in your context?

Have you already done something like this?

What should we call this campaign?

Can you help make lists of missing images?

Do you know events where new photos can be taken?

Let's plan together :)

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