

# **Wikipedia Education Collaborative**

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**Wikipedia Education Program**

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# Introducing the Collaborative

## Vision

We believe that Wikipedia belongs in education!

## What is the Collaborative?

- A group of global education program leaders
- Trying to gather learnings to help others

# A bit of history

- Wikipedia Education Collaborative kick-off meeting in Prague, March 2014
- 16 founding members from Armenia, Arab World, Mexico, Serbia, Israel, Nepal, Ukraine, Catalonia (Spain), Czech Republic, UK, USA



# Our focus within education

- Students **contribute content** to Wikipedia and sister projects:
  - **Classroom** activities: assignments
  - **Campus** activities: clubs, edit-a-thons
  - **Community** activities: service credits, hackathons

# Goals

- Establish best practices for education programs.
- Collect new ideas for educational initiatives.
- Share resources between global programs.
- Develop a global recognition system.
- Communicate effectively about learnings, tools and resources.

# What we are doing now?

- Structuring the Collaborative
- Working in action teams on focus areas identified by members:
  - Resources
  - Communication
  - Mentoring
  - Recognition

# Where we are headed

- Opening up for mentoring programs
- Opening up for new members:
  - Open to all who support vision and goals
  - Interest in helping other education programs
  - Commit to investing time ( $\pm$  3-5 hours per month)



# Work so far: Mentoring

- Baseline outreach
- Developing a best practices template

# Work so far: Resources

- [Education portal](#) revamp
  - Designed new portal layout
  - Condensed five different portals into one
  - Organized and curated contents
  - [Countries](#) page
- Offline information
  - Booklets

# Work so far: Communications

- Newsletter:
  - Improved layout
  - New subscription method (email signup)
  - Help with writing articles
  - Greater participation
  - Greater readership

# Work so far: Recognition

- For students:
  - Wikipedia Drivers License
- For educators:
  - Wikipedia Teaching Fellowship
- For program leaders:
  - Conducted survey
  - Determining next steps

# Questions?

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