

Opening Scotland's collections

Museums Galleries Scotland's Wikimedian in Residence

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What's a Wikimedian in Residence?



Wikimedia Foundation



Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge.

That's our commitment.

Not just Wikipedia



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia



WIKIBOOKS
Open books for an open world



Wikiquote



WIKIDATA



WIKISOURCE



Wiktionary
The free dictionary



MediaWiki



**WIKIMEDIA
COMMONS**



WIKISPECIES
free species directory



WIKINEWS



**WIKIMEDIA
INCUBATOR**



**WIKIMEDIA
META-WIKI**



WIKIVERSITY



Aims & objectives

Advocate for open knowledge in a museums context

Work with museums across the Scottish sector to open content

Support museum staff & volunteers to become Wikipedia editors

Develop the Scottish Wiki community

6 internal presentations & 3 conference presentations delivered



22 museum staff trained to use Wikipedia: ~ 50% of the curatorial staff

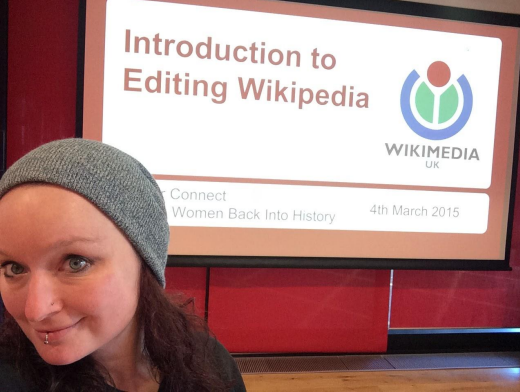
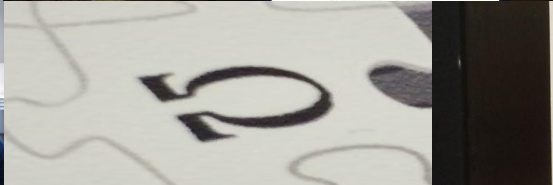


Set up & x3 meetings of the Wiki Working Group




4 x editathons (1 x GM, 3 x other)





Introduction to Editing Wikipedia



WIKIMEDIA UK


Connect Women Back Into History 4th March 2015




Art + Feminism Edit-a-thon DUNDEE

Friday 6 March, 4 - 9pm
Hannah Maclure Centre

Abertay Student Centre, Top Floor
 1-3 Bell Street, DD1 1HP



Abertay University



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 Hannah Maclure Centre

So far...

...since January 2015

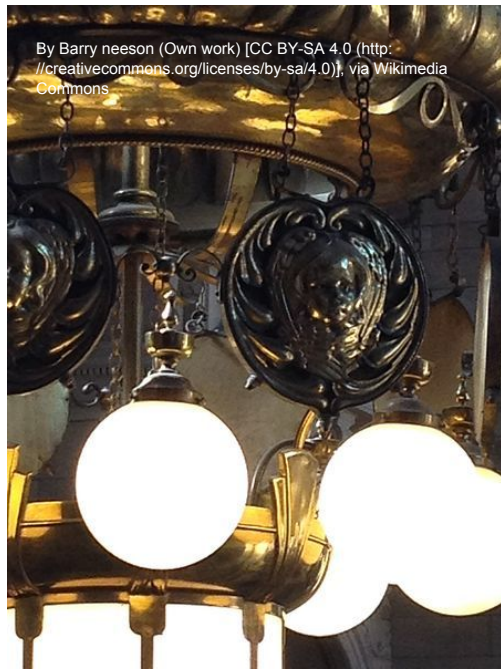
- 150 new editors trained
 - Presented to 400 people
 - 34 new articles created
 - 60 existing articles improved
 - 211 photographs uploaded
 - Spoken at 12 conferences & forums
 - 9 editathons (4 planned)
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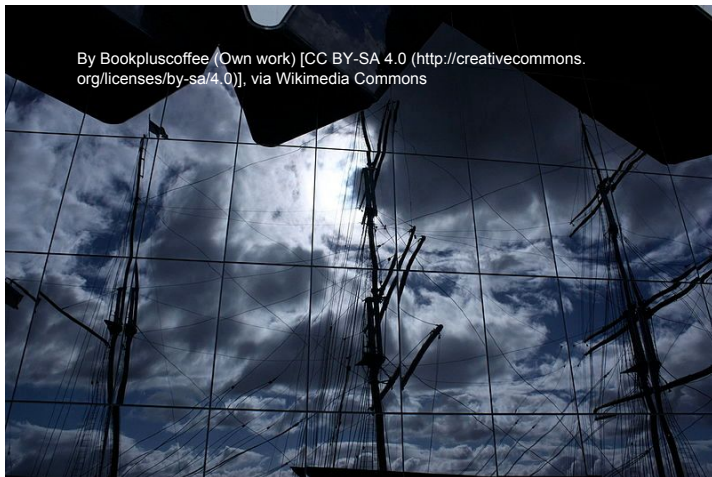
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- Articles on Eliza Wigham & Priscilla Bright McLaren nominated for *Did You Know*.
- Participants include Glasgow School of Art, Braemar Castle, Glasgow Museums, Culzean Castle, Robbie Burns Birthplace Museum, National Galleries of Scotland, Paisley Museum & UWS.

Limitations & obstacles

- Part time post
 - Image releases take time
 - Digital licensing policies yet to be formed in many cases
 - Community development slow
 - Digital skills gap
 - Fear around loss of control
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Next steps...

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