How seniors write Wikipedia in the Czech Republic
CEE Meeting October 14, 2022

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WIKIMEDIA CZECH REPUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Educational Programs

We fulfill our mission to contribute to a world of free and open knowledge and lifelong learning. Through our Programs for Schools, Seniors Write Wikipedia, and Open Education Program, we strive to attract newcomers, spread awareness of Wikimedia projects, and deepen relationships and activities within the Czech community.

Programs for community

We support editors and photographers who volunteer to create free content for Wikipedia, Commons, Wikidata and other Wikimedia projects. We provide support, resources, and motivation to both the new and more experienced members of the wiki community who edit, photograph, or organize events for others. These most often take the form of events, contests, or grants.

Programs for partnership

In our Partnership Programs, we bring together GLAM, Wikidata/Tech and Advocacy to collaboratively acquire, disseminate, and advocate for digitized collection of open source (or potentially open source) works, objects and data, in the most effective way. We are setting partnerships with cultural and other institutions and we build Wikidata – an open, collaboratively developed international networked data infrastructure.

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Educational Programs

Seniors Write Wikipedia

The life wisdom of seniors will find its place at Wikipedia, while they will find their place in the digital world and gain a new and meaningful hobby. Professor Sokol and other editors came up with the idea for the Seniors Write Wikipedia courses in 2013. Since then, in addition to senior courses across the country, we have been providing online support, organizing Senior WikiTowns and other educational events.

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Activity:
Programs for Libraries

We are dedicated to working with libraries and librarians who often host and lead our courses. Through our courses and workshops, librarians learn how to use Wikipedia and pass on this skill. We work with libraries in the field of media literacy support and regularly involve them in the global campaign #1Lib1Ref, i.e. one librarian = one citation added on Wikipedia.

Programs for Schools

Wikipedia belongs to education. That's why we offer a wide range of collaborative activities for schools and educators, such as Wikipedia seminars, digital literacy or topical Wikipedia writing workshops. Contact us and we will create a tailor-made project for you.

STUDENTS
WRITE WIKIPEDIA

Activity:
Students Write Wikipedia

Let's put an end to the term papers that nobody reads. The future belongs to open and shared knowledge. We teach students to write and use Wikipedia.

We provide a platform for students and teachers to submit credited work in the form of Wikipedia articles. Using the tools of Toolkit, teachers can assign entries for students to write and track their activity. This creates validated content and a chance to create term papers and articles in a meaningful way all at the same time.

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Activity:
Teach (with) Wiki

We are teaching educators to teach using Wikipedia. Through the Ministry of Education's accredited courses, we help teachers integrate critical thinking and digital literacy development into the education of elementary and high school students. The program teaches students how to work with resources and information.
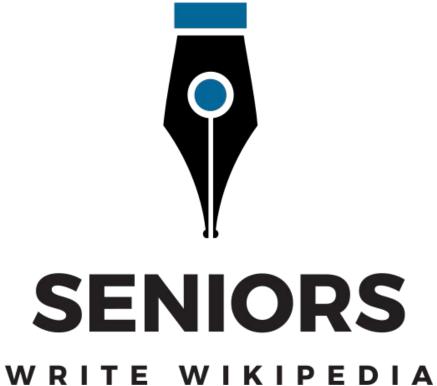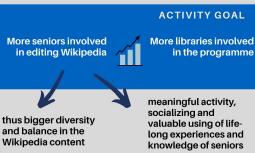
Open Educational Program

Wikimedia is here for anyone with a burning love for education. You do not seem to fit any of our target groups? Don't worry! Get in touch anyway, everyone can get involved. We'll help you take your first steps in the Wikiworld.

Sign up for a course, come to one of our Wiki-Clubs or read our editing guides. Live or online, there's something for everyone.

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Few figures

- ★ 2013 - 2022
- ★ **600 seniors**
- ★ **More than 17 towns**
- ★ **Two female & one male peer lectures** - former participants

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Few numbers

Seniors write Wikipedia
2019-2020

Seniors write Wikipedia
2020–2021

Number of courses
12
6

New editors
70
24

Content
1500
801

2019 2020

Number of courses
6
23

New editors
24
28

Content
801
1502

2020 2021

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Key elements

- ★ [Clear format/ framework](#) - 6 week course
- ★ 2hrs, work in between the lessons
- ★ U3V/U3A, Libraries and similar partners
- ★ **Lecturers/trainers** and their specific skill-set, profile, competencies
- ★ [User guide](#) - printed and online
- ★ [Wikiclub](#), [WikiAdvice](#)

NEXT...
- ★ [Basic course & advance course](#)
- ★ Specific courses - Commons, Wikidata
- ★ Senior WikiTown
- ★ Alumni club
- ★ X-mass/ New Year's event
- ★ Wikigap and other thematic editatons for seniors during a year etc.

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Senior WikiTown

Links & articles

- **Commons category SePW**
- Guidelines, Templates, User manuals
- Wikimedia blog (in CZ)
- DIFF: When seniors write Wikipedia online
- Wikimedian of a month 4/20 - Helena Dvořáková

- Fundraising campaing 2021
- DIFF: WikiAdvice online service
- Partners = more than just donors
- LUSH, Veolia, Moneta…

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