

Supporting illegal and persecuted contributors

Examples of persecuted or illegal minorities are:

- * Egyptian Copts are persecuted and attacked in Egypt.
- * Homosexuals are criminals and subject to attack in many countries.

Participants - 1

Time - 10:30

Convenor: Fae

The WMF promotes Wikipedia as the encyclopedia anyone can edit, however in cases of illegal minorities it would be unsafe and potentially a crime to edit articles on proscribed topics. In some circumstances it may be dangerous to read or download information from Wikipedia or look at photographs of proscribed topics.

Anonymity - it may be possible to bypass restrictions in some countries, or guide a user on how to safely contribute anonymously. WMF or affiliate funding may be appropriate for guides and tools for better secure and anonymous access. However this poses risks both for the user and for the organization providing advice. There are ethical issues for an organization facilitating a user into acting in a way that puts them at risk of attack or prosecution.