

Arts Council Norway
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Endorsement letter

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Wikimedia Armenia scientific-educational NGO is a Wikimedia organization located in Armenia. We support open knowledge and education in Armenia and among Armenian speaking communities, as well as advocate for free knowledge.

With this letter I would like to confirm our strong support for the collaborative project of Wikimedia Norge and The National Archive in Oslo to transcribe and translate Bodil Biørn's letters. As a missionary Bodil Biørn actively provided aid and assistance to the Armenian people in Turkey before the First World War and in Armenia and Syria in the 1920s and 30s.

Previously, in the scope of another collaborative project, Wikimedia Norge and The National Archive have already digitized and transcribed descriptions of Biørn's photos making them available for public and further research. Similarly, the letters of Biørn are essential documentations of Armenian and W.W.I History as they reflect the political, social, and cultural situation in Armenia. These letters are also valuable because they describe the life of Armenian people, refugees after the Armenian Genocide - the atrocities committed against the Armenian people of the Ottoman Empire during W.W.I. They will be beneficial in the further recognition of the Armenian Genocide by different states and communities all over the world.

I would highly appreciate your assistance in this request.

Sincerely,

Susanna Mkrtchyan



Chairman of the Board
Wikimedia Armenia