



# **Wikidata XXX Days:** **engage and create connections** **with the Wikimedia community** **online**

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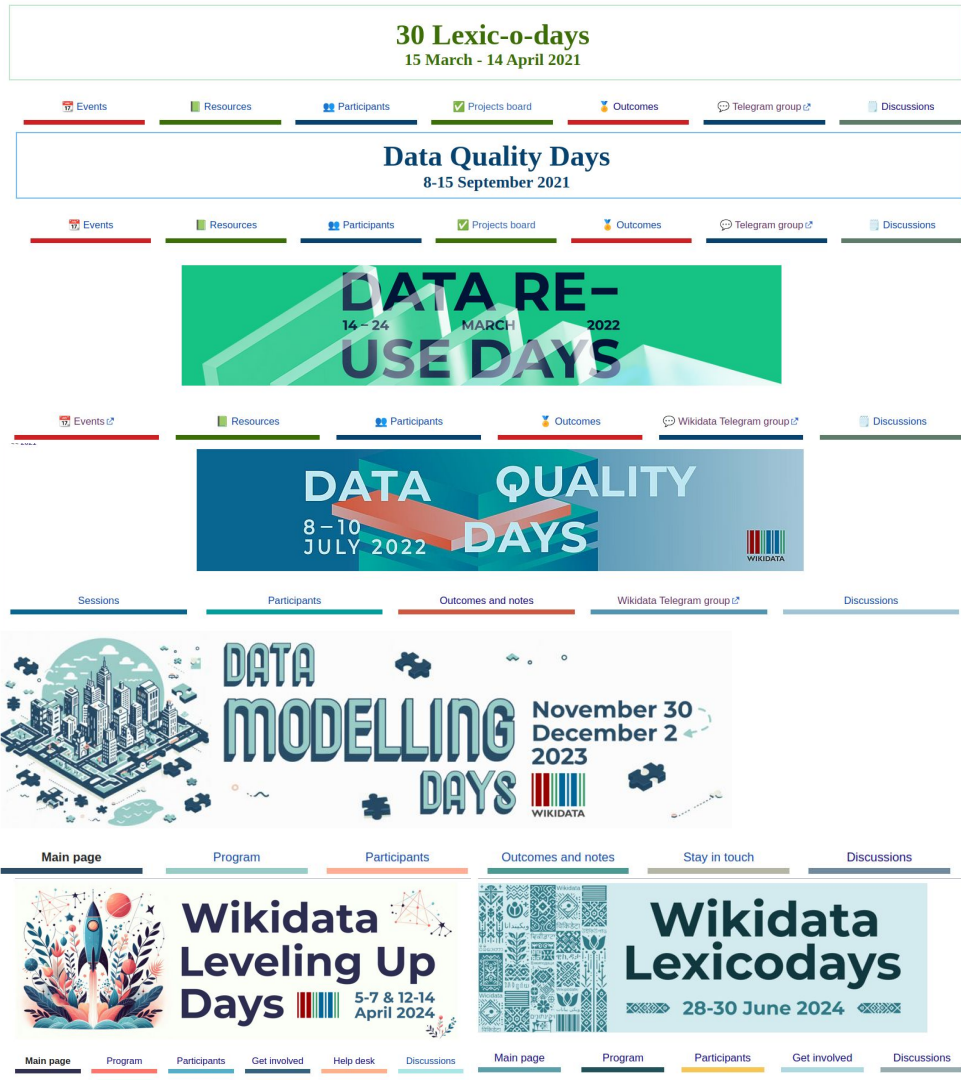
# How did it all start?



- The Wikidata community is spread worldwide, need for connection and space for discussions
- COVID = all onsite events were postponed
- Thinking about new Wikidata events formats
- Proposal from a community member
- Important topics that needed to be addressed

# How did it go?

- 2021-2024: 7 events run
- 20-80 participants
- Experiments on different formats:
  - Specific topics
  - Dates and duration
  - Types of sessions
  - Pre-recorded or live
  - CFP or spontaneous
  - Choice of tools
  - Mono or multilingual
- Always: relatively light to organize, direct connection with community members



# What did we learn?

- Benefit of bringing together community members to talk about (very) specific topics
- Bring together the core community and outsiders (e.g. data reusers) to exchange perspectives
- Fun components are important (play games!)



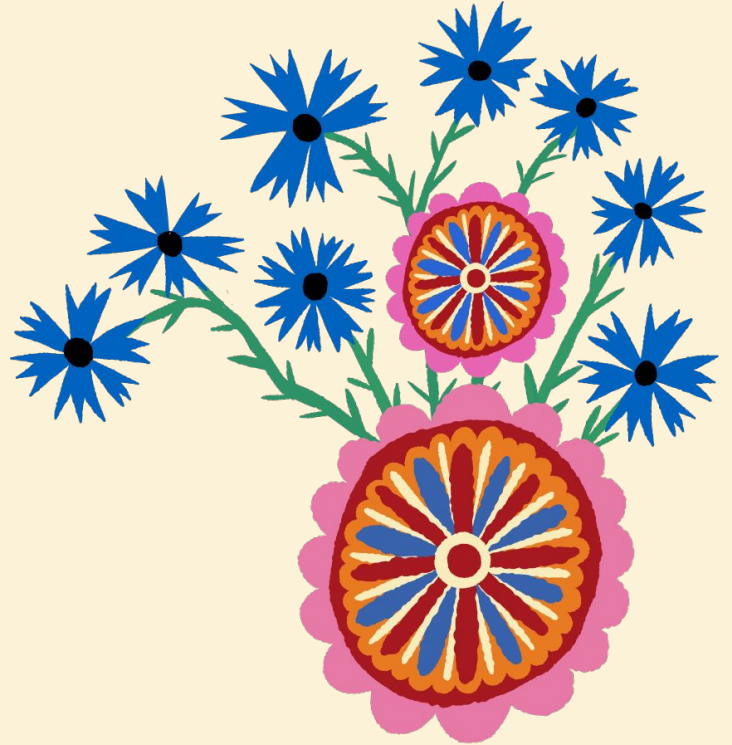
# What did we learn?

- No format is perfect and will fit every single need
- Same with tools
- (Pre-)recorded sessions allow multilingual and async = great for long-term impact
- Lower live participation numbers if content is available async



# Why you should try

- Connect with community members who don't/can't come to onsite events
- Keep your community engaged in between onsite events
- Discuss specific topics with your core community
- It can be spontaneous and easier to organize
- ...online events are still cool ;)



# Thanks for your attention!



## Where to find us during Wikimania?

### Wikidata meetup

Thursday, 8 August at 18:00 in Room 3

Other **Wikidata-related sessions:**

[\[\[wikimania:2024:Program/Wikidata\]\]](https://wikimania:2024:Program/Wikidata)



## Let's stay in touch!

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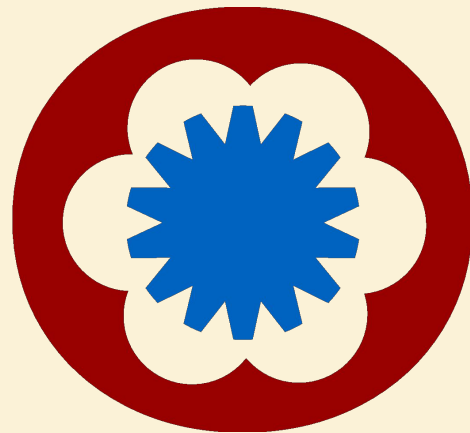
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