



Ten Things Editors Can Do to Make Wikimedia Communities Better

Write new articles and make existing articles better. You know that already, but we just thought it was important to say first. **Praise someone else's work using WikiLove!** It might seem a little silly, but barnstars, a nice cup of tea, and stroopwafels make people feel happy. And the research shows that peer appreciation is a powerful predictor of editor retention. **Warmly welcome new Wikimedians who start participating in community spaces such as policy discussions.** It may mean rehashing topics that are old news for you, but it'll help new people grow and learn. **Try not to template people, and rewrite current templates to be friendlier where possible.**

Support tomorrow's editors by being patient and explaining things, rather than just slapping them with a template. **Find a promising new editor and invite them to join your WikiProject.** The research says that finding a community of like-minded editors is a key predictor of new editor retention. Many new editors don't even know your project wants help. **Let the people in your life know they can become Wikimedians.** A lot of people still don't know they really can edit, and that we want their help. Think about who in your life (your family? your coworkers? other online friends?) might make a good Wikimedian, and teach them what you know. **Start a student club!**

http://outreach.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_student_clubs

Be aware of systemic bias, and try to counter it. So far our projects have been built mostly by young white guys. But we're going to need everyone to gather the sum of all human knowledge. Please try to be extra supportive of people of different ages, backgrounds, and genders by listening to them and encouraging them to be bold. **Nominate someone you know and trust for adminship.** All Wikipedias need more active administrators. Many qualified candidates will never run unless they get encouragement from people they respect. **Become a Wikipedia Ambassador!**

Ambassadors coach educators and students who have been assigned to write Wikipedia articles as coursework.

Sign up: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Ambassadors>