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Establishing Norms: A Universal Code of Conduct

The Movement Strategy process has recognized the need for a standard set of behavioral guidelines for the movement as a whole.

Contributors need to work in a good working atmosphere in their communities. They need to be protected against incivility, toxic behavior and harassment. Newcomers often face increased pressure. If our movement is to continue to thrive, we need to address these behaviors on our projects and build a culture that is more welcoming and inclusive to all.

Trust & Safety is managing the UCoC project with cooperation with wiki-communities and affiliates to build that set of guidelines.



What have been done so far?



The Process – Phase 1

Starting in June 2020, Foundation staff, volunteers and affiliates engaged in a community-centered effort to get to a working draft of a "binding minimum set of standards across all Wikimedia projects," as requested by the Wikimedia Board of Trustees in May.

The Trust & Safety–UCoC team hosted local discussions in 19 languages, reached out to communities and affiliates across our movement of varying sizes and expertise, and invited additional feedback through a global survey and discussions on Meta-Wiki.

The first draft of the code was created by a diverse committee of volunteers and staff. After a powerful community review, staff and volunteers presented a draft Universal Code of Conduct to the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trusted ratified the Code of Conduct on February 2nd 2021.





The Process – Phase 2

Phase 2 focuses on:

- The best way to implement the UCoC; to guarantee it is equitably applied across the movement and work harmoniously with the community processes and people already working on these issues.
- Ensuring that communities have safe and effective escalation pathways to deal with toxic behavior as well as more long term work on conflict resolution to reduce toxic behavior before it occurs.

Determining responsibilities and outlining clear enforcement pathways involves broad input from communities across the Wikimedia movement.



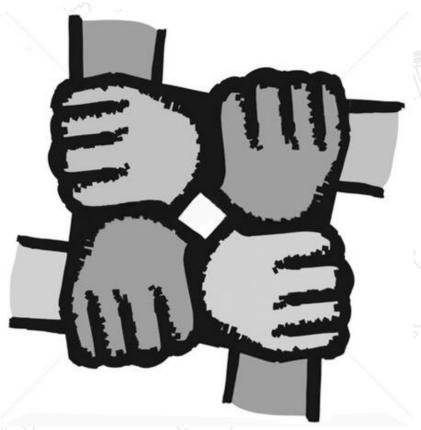
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| | Event/Milestone | Date | Status |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------|
| Investigate key enforcement questions | Local community consultations | Jan. 2021 – Mar. 2021 | Ongoing! |
| | Affiliate consultations | Late February – March 2021 | Upcoming |
| | Meta-wiki consultation | March 2021 | Upcoming |
| | Targets of Harassment report | April 2021 | Upcoming |
| Create & approve enforcement proposal | Drafting committee: enforcement policy proposals | April – mid-May 2021 | Upcoming |
| | Meta-wiki consultation on enforcement proposals | Mid-May 2021 | Upcoming |
| | Drafting committee: finalize enforcement proposal | June 2021 | Upcoming |
| | UCoC enforcement proposal submitted to Board of Trustees | July 2021 | Upcoming |

How to work together?

- Participate in the upcoming community consultation, through your affiliate.
- When discussions are open on meta, please showing your ideas.
- Take the survey.
- Work directly with the Trust & Safety team.







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