Wikitools tools that aid inclusivity

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Why do we need to use various wiki-based tools?

Wiki-based tools can be useful in supporting diversity-building efforts on Wikimedia projects in numerous ways. Tools:

1. Help us get a realistic picture of a particular instance of a knowledge gap and support our assertions about the gap with verifiable data.
2. Quantify the lack of diversity in content and among contributors.
3. Support events intended for promoting inclusivity.
4. Support content-building efforts while keeping in mind the rules and frameworks on Wikimedia projects.
5. Help community organisers design new formats of interaction.

This module is an effort to help you explore some of these tools to this end.

Planning an event

Planning an event requires planning for resources. If the event is funded, it also requires planning for its evaluation. In the early years, there were several tools that made this possible. Wiki Education created a Program and Events Dashboard (P&E Dashboard) for monitoring and evaluation. The P&E Dashboard displays information at a glance about signups by participants and the availability of volunteers.

What to edit?

First-time participants at events such as workshops sometimes struggle with the questions of where to start and what to edit. Organisers of the event may use **P&E Dashboard** to compile a list of articles that need improvement. Participants may use the tool **Article Finder**[1] to find an article of interest that they could edit.

More about the P&E Dashboard: <insert link here>

Using tools at events

Tools useful at an editing event

When inexperienced or non-academic editors create Wikipedia articles, they often do not cite sources or add a 'citation needed' tag instead. Adding references to articles is necessary

to make them verifiable and strong. Articles on topics related to underrepresented communities often get deleted for the lack of reliable citations. One way to support article retention and knowledge creation is to add these citations. **Citation Hunt** is a tool that may be used to build programs to precisely do this.

More about Citation Hunt: <insert link here>

One may find references for Wikipedia articles through Google Books, which is a popular and large online repository. However, users often find it difficult to fill out the citation template. **Wikipedia Citation Tool for Google Books** makes this task easy by providing a user-friendly interface that enables the user to generate wiki-markup by using metadata from Google Books.

More about Wikipedia Citation Tool for Google Books: <insert link here>

Tools useful at a data event

Wikidata is a good starting point for novice editors in the Wikimedia ecosystem. Sometimes is hard for people to contribute to Wikipedia because of the time and writing skills it demands. These barriers are removed or lowered on Wikidata. Further there are some fun games that may be introduced to potential contributors making it easy for them to contribute.

More about the games **Wikidata and Distributed Wikidata**: <insert link here>

Tools for assessing the impact of an event

It is important to carry out an evaluation process after the event to determine if the efforts we put into it yielded the desired results. Evaluation helps us understand the areas of improvement and possible roadmap to change. It also helps us establish good practices. For editing events, evaluation is usually dependant on the number of edits and the number of contributors who attended it. Evaluation could also include more metrics (for example, the number of first time editors) or more complex indicators (for example, sustained engagement in the community). Metrics for an event may also include the amount of content (in words or byte size) that was newly added on articles pertaining to underrepresented groups during the event. The P&E Dashboard could be used for such evaluation.

More about the P&E Dashboard: <insert link here>

Events that involve photography and multimedia, such as photowalks and photothons are popular among members of Wikimedia communities. These events are often effective, in attracting a relatively large number of first-time contributors especially people with skills such as photography, videography and video-editing. Events such as Wiki Loves Monuments or Wiki Loves Earth appeal to those interested in architecture, history, heritage, nature and the environment. Not all contributions made during events that pull in a vast number of contributors may be useful. **GLAMorous** is one of the tools that may be used to evaluate the amount of valuable content that was added during the program, event or campaign.

("Valuable content" refers to the number of encyclopedic media, usable media, content that filled a gap, and so on.)

More about GLAMorous: <insert link here>

Also see, some **miscellaneous quick-use tools**: <insert link here>