

GLAM report for December 2013 board meeting	Author: Jonathan Cardy / GLAM Organiser
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1. Projects from the last three months

Europeana Mass upload tool. Still going through code review by WMF with a view to allowing it to go live on Commons. Working with chapters and others to lobby for more WMF priority on this. Europeana seem not to be very concerned at the funding side of this, but have repeated previous offer to advise on their bid direct to the WMF's Grant Advisory committee (GAC).

2. Conway Hall, three events have now happened including one with photography training with a glass case. Am intending to move this to being self sustaining with two editors from the venue. Big plus is that they promote the event to their membership, drawback is that their membership includes many of a precomputer generation. This has established that we can run week day evening events in London.

3. Editathons also run at National Railway Museums York (NRM) and Senate House London and assisted other events including Mining institute in Newcastle.

4. Wiki takes the tube, will be renamed Wiki takes London. Building on WLM we aim to fill in the gaps, photographing listed buildings that we don't yet have. We have also battle tested our contingency plan outside events in heavy rain – successfully moving into the V&A .

5. GLAM committee has met twice. Discussions range from the problem of clashing events to reactivation, retention and Wikimania. Now need to promote the committee to the membership and increase committee numbers.

6. Disability, have now started listing access issues and offering a hearing loop at events.

7. Equipment. Laptops have proved effective at including people who could not otherwise attend or who were just putting their head round the door and not planning to get involved. Have promoted cameras and got two bookings from volunteers at GLAM events.

Projects in the next three months

1 Editathon re Art Nouveau on 4th December in association with Plus Partage an Open knowledge and Europeana Project to promote Art Nouveau.

2 British Library is planning to release 400,000 images copied from old books. In discussions with them and with a crowdsourcing site to achieve digitisation of and supplementation of metadata.

3 Editathons being planned with Senate House and others, aiming to have a geographically rounded program, but with an August skew towards London events for Wikimaniacs to attend. We are also trying to prioritise ones where there is the possibility of recruiting the institutions' volunteers, especially readers.

4. GLAM booklet: Now going to be an English version of German booklet, but with some UK examples

5 Planning fringe of Wikimania to include a range of GLAM focussed events including Wiki takes London 2014 (based on WLM).

6 Reactivation. Have approached several inactive former wikimedians re events that are relevant to them. Will expand this over the next few months and monitor to see if this works at reactivating former editors.

7 Cornwall. User:Fae has agreed to run curator training session and photograph session at National Maritime museum.

8 Cross training. User:Geni will run a training session on photography in museums for our volunteers at Development House on the December 10th before the WLM awards.