

Report title: Volunteers update	Author: Katie Chan (Volunteer Support Organiser)
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Report description: Overview of events & volunteer activities over the last three months.	



Decisions and actions required, risks identified:

Item	Explanation	Action required	Risk
Microgrants & Macrogrants process review	A review of Wikimedia microgrants & macrogrants process	Board to adopt with any amendments.	Continual underspend of project grant budget and therefore lack of activity in this area.

Projects and events from the last three months

**Microgrants & Macrogrants** – Two macrogrants application is pending review and recommendation to the Chief Executive. Over the last reporting period, two microgrants, two macrogrants and one microgrant extension application have been approved.

**Approved:** Wikinews: Video and more  
 Stub Contest (prizes)  
 Core Contest (prizes) extension  
 WLM prize fund  
 TaPRA

**Pending:** Wikimedia Commons Geograph and Avionics batch upload projects support  
 Wiki-Themed Symposium

**Volunteer equipments** – Over the last reporting period, approximately 150 hours of laptops use has taken place. This does not include usage as part of the Wales pathway project. 3.5 hours of projector use in events involving 6 people. The charity's cameras have produced approximately 500 photos uploaded onto Wikimedia Commons. Several hundred photos taken at different people, and a number of videos recorded at EduWiki are expected to be uploaded in the near future.

**Meetups** – A total of 14 meetups in 11 location have happened, or are scheduled to take place between the previous and current in-person board meeting. The meetups of Leeds and Newcastle took place for the first time in those cities, with the meetup in Edinburgh and Cardiff being a revived location, the latter of which took place around EduWiki. A new meetup in Belfast was also proposed and organised, with the support of Wikimedia UK. The event was ultimately disappointing due to those that have signed up dropping out for various reasons. We will review alternative arrangement or proposal for another attempt in Northern Ireland next year where we will hopefully be more successful.

**Wikimania & WikiSym+OpenSym 2013** – Reports from attendees who received either partial or full scholarships from Wikimedia UK are available at [https://wiki.wikimedia.org.uk/wiki/Wikimania\\_2013\\_Report](https://wiki.wikimedia.org.uk/wiki/Wikimania_2013_Report).

**Wiki Loves Monuments** – Approximately 12,000 qualifying photos were uploaded to Wikimedia Commons by 573 different editors as part of the UK competition. This put us as the 8<sup>th</sup> highest region out of 53 regions taking part by the number of files uploaded, and 7<sup>th</sup> highest by the number of uploaders. 72.5% of photos were of listed buildings from England, 15% Wales, 12% Scotland, with less than half a percent from Northern Ireland. The result of the UK competition were announced on Wikimedia UK blog on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Wikipedia Takes Chester** – A total of 460 photos from 11 participants were uploaded as a result of the

event. Qualifying photos were also entered into the Wiki Loves Monuments competition.

**Wikidata training** – Supported by KTC. Attended by 9 people. Training was delivered by a member of the Wikidata project team from Wikimedia Deutschland. Feedback overall has been positive.

**Ada Lovelace inspired Women in Science events** – 11 Women in Science events have taken place in England and Scotland over the last reporting period, 6 of which were directly advertised as part of the Ada Lovelace Festival. Supported by different members of staff, the events have been highly popular attracting between 100 to 150 editors in total in an estimated 80%/20% female/male distribution, with many targeted articles created or expanded.

**National railway Museum editathon** – Supported by JC and attended by 8 other participants. Feedbacks are generally positive, with suggestion for improvement for future made.

**Breast Cancer Care editing session** – Organised by SB, with training provided by KTC and John Cummings. The event was attended by 7 members of the organisation each of whom improved a number of articles related to breast cancer.

**North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers editathon** – Idea originated from and was developed by two of our volunteers, with logistical support from the office. Building on progress made by the TWAM Wikimedia in Residence project and the first Newcastle meetup, the event were attended by 17 people in total including trainers. One of the volunteer organiser have produced a detailed report into the event which the office will take into account for future events.

**Wiki takes the Tube** – Supported by JC. Volunteer equipment used, hundreds of photos taken, in the process of being uploaded.

**Glasgow Women's Library editathon** – Co-ordinated and organised by the host organisation alongside one of our volunteer first recruited from the first Glasgow meetup, the event were attended by 11 people in total. While the number of new articles created were low, the event has led to follow up activities such as a presentation given at the Open knowledge Foundation Scotland.

**New member leaflet** – Leaflet produced by SB with feedback from the community, and translation by RO for Welsh version. This has now be printed and is beginning to be used.

#### Projects in the next three months

**Members Newsletter** – Continued delivery of the monthly members newsletters is ongoing. An analysis and possible survey of the members on the newsletter will be conducted, with consideration as to the desirability and practicality of disturbing the newsletter to non-members.

**Volunteer Portal** – Draft of content started on internal wiki. Work continuing for an initial public version by board meeting.

**Volunteer database** – Awaiting a second upgrade of CiviCRM to version 4.4 to enable use of CiviVolunteer extension. Staff have a scheduled training in the use of CiviCRM mid-December.

**Volunteer equipment** – Option is being investigated to better track volunteer equipment in/out and bookings.

#### Committees / Working Groups

##### **Education Committee**

- Two meetings, business also conducted via email.

##### **Technology Committee**

- Two meetings, business also conducted via email.

##### **GLAM Committee**

- Two meetings, business also conducted via email.