

Wikimedia Chapters and the power of local volunteers

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Introduction

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Outline

- What are Wikimedia Chapters?
- What kind of activities do they have?
- How to set up your own chapter?
- Your questions & discussion

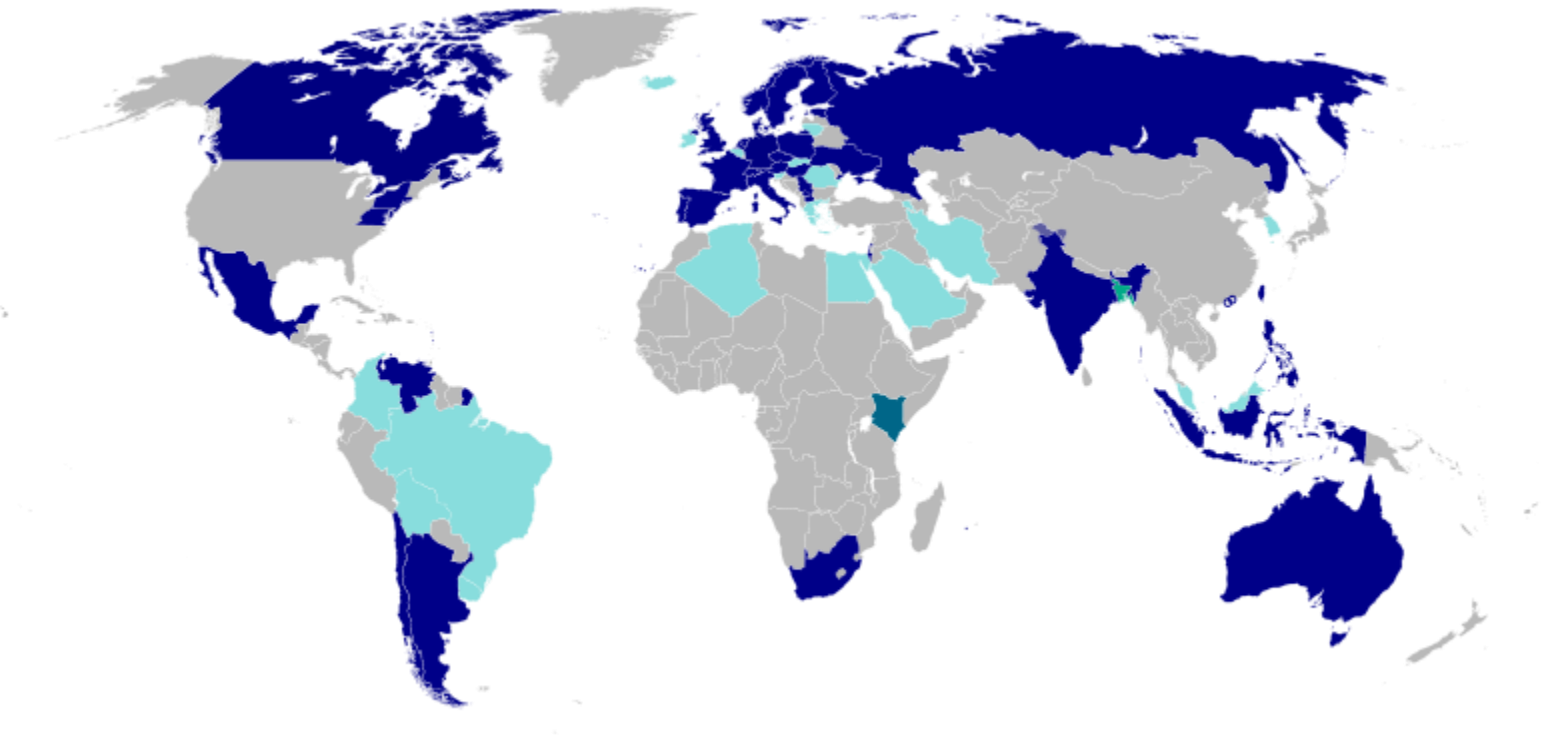
Wikimedia Chapters

- 2001: Wikipedia is founded
- 2003: the Wikimedia Foundation is set up
- 2004: first chapters are founded

Wikimedia chapters

- First one established in 2004 in Germany
- National organizations of Wikimedians supporting free knowledge and the Wikimedia projects

Wikimedia Chapters



What do chapters do?

- Community focused
- Content
- Education
- Partnerships

Community events

- Allows community members to meet face to face
- Leads to better communication and relations online
- Easy to organise

Meetups



Wikimedians in Leipzig; © Tino Strauss, CC By-SA 3.0

Meetups



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Meetups



Wikipedians at Ljubljana city hall

08/09/2012

Wikiconference Yerevan

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Content improvement

- Focus could be on text, illustrations or even audio/video
- Either by encouraging the creation of new content or by acquiring existing content

Photowalks



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Armenian quarter, Jerusalem; © Lantuszka, CC By SA 3.0

Article writing contests



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Monmouthpedia



Once the articles are ready they can be accessed in the streets; © Victuallers CC By Sa 3.0

Monmouthpedia

The Geoffrey of Monmouth Multilingual Challenge

Welcome to the [Geoffrey of Monmouth](#) writing and images challenge for Monmouthpedia. This challenge will run from now until the 1st of July 2012 (to coincide with a Wikimedia UK board meeting to [Monmouth](#)).

How it works

Any Wikipedian with a named account (on any wiki) can participate. Two Wikipedians can form a team and participate jointly: this means you don't have to be multilingual!

To participate you must sign up on the [users and points page](#): you must include a link to your talk page (it may be on any Wikipedia, but please test the link to make sure it works).

The challenge is based on a point system, with the goal for each participant to gain as many points as possible. Details on barnstars and prizes can be found [here](#).

- **1 point:** 5 new photographs added to [Wikimedia Commons](#) relating to Monmouth
- **1 point:** 1 historic photograph added to [Wikimedia Commons](#) relating to Monmouth
- **1 point:** geotagging 3 images on [Wikimedia Commons](#) relating to Monmouth that do not have geotags
- **2 points:** [a new stub article](#) (100 words of text, with internal and external links)
- **4 points:** a start article of 400 words
- **5 points:** a new short article (500 words of text, with internal and external links, inline ref and image)
- **7 points:** a ["Did you know?"](#) article
- **8 points:** a new [Good Article](#) or [Featured Article](#)

Where to start?

The contest's point system

Bringing an old encyclopedia online



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Image partnerships

- Archeological Museum Hamburg (38 photos)
- Telenor Group (225)
- Bulgarian Archives State Agency (153)
- Walters Art Museum (18 412)
- US National Archives (120 459)

Recent partnerships from: <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Partnerships>

Educational programmes

- Lectures about Wikipedia
- Wikipedia editing in educational insitutions

Lower Saxony educational partnership

- Five schools
- Students and teachers learn critical reading of Wikipedia, and how to pass on their knowledge through it

Wikipedia education programme



Campus Ambassadors assist students in-person © Sage Ross, CC By SA 3.0

Partnerships

- Partners: Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums, government institutions, charities, businesses
- Content: information sharing, behind-the-scenes tours, education of employees, content release

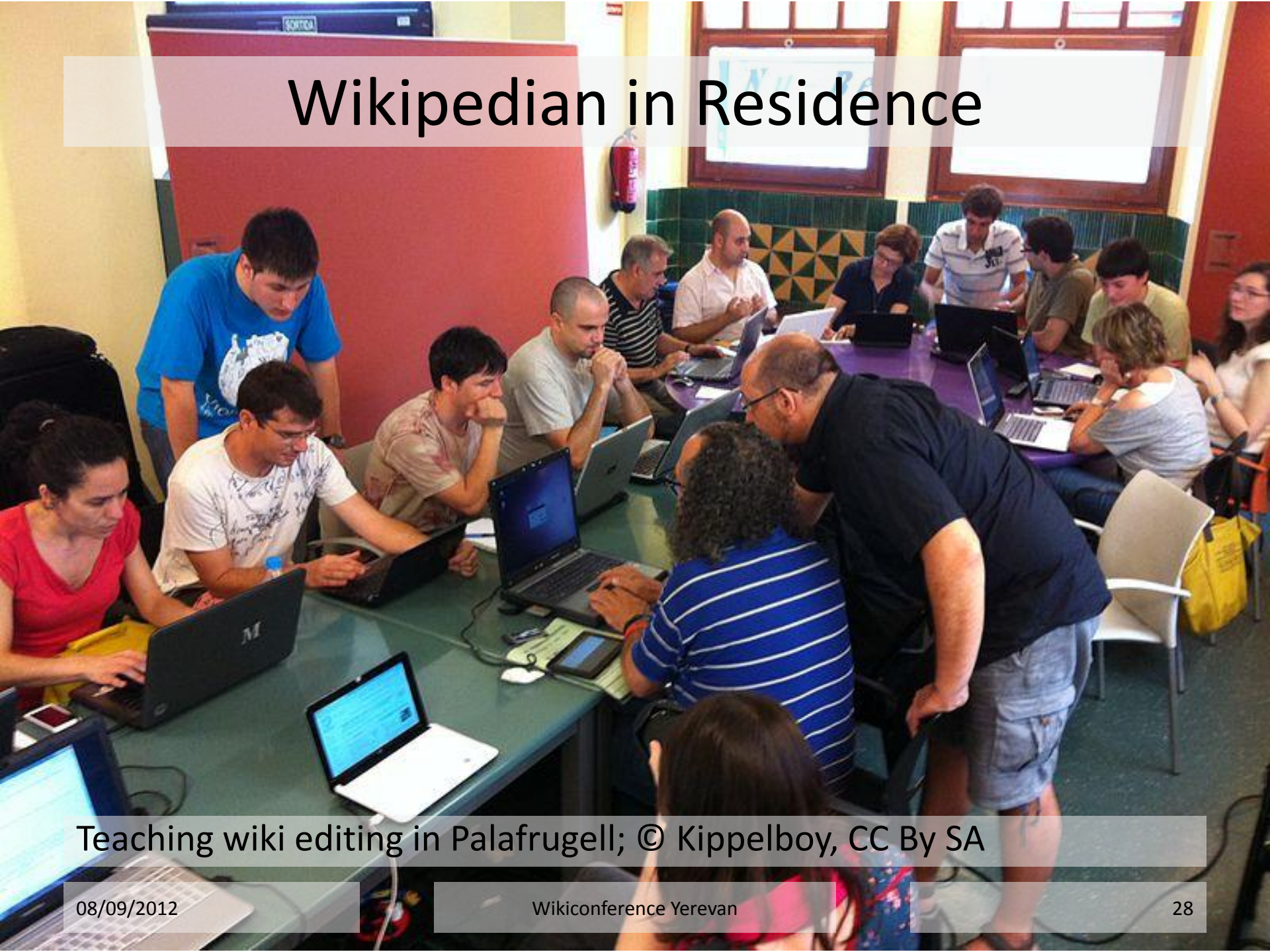
Gibraltarpedia

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Bridging Europe and Africa



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Wikipedian in Residence



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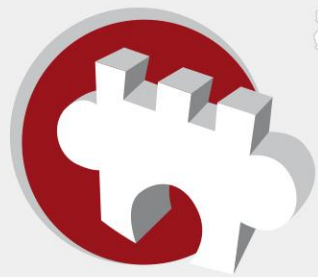
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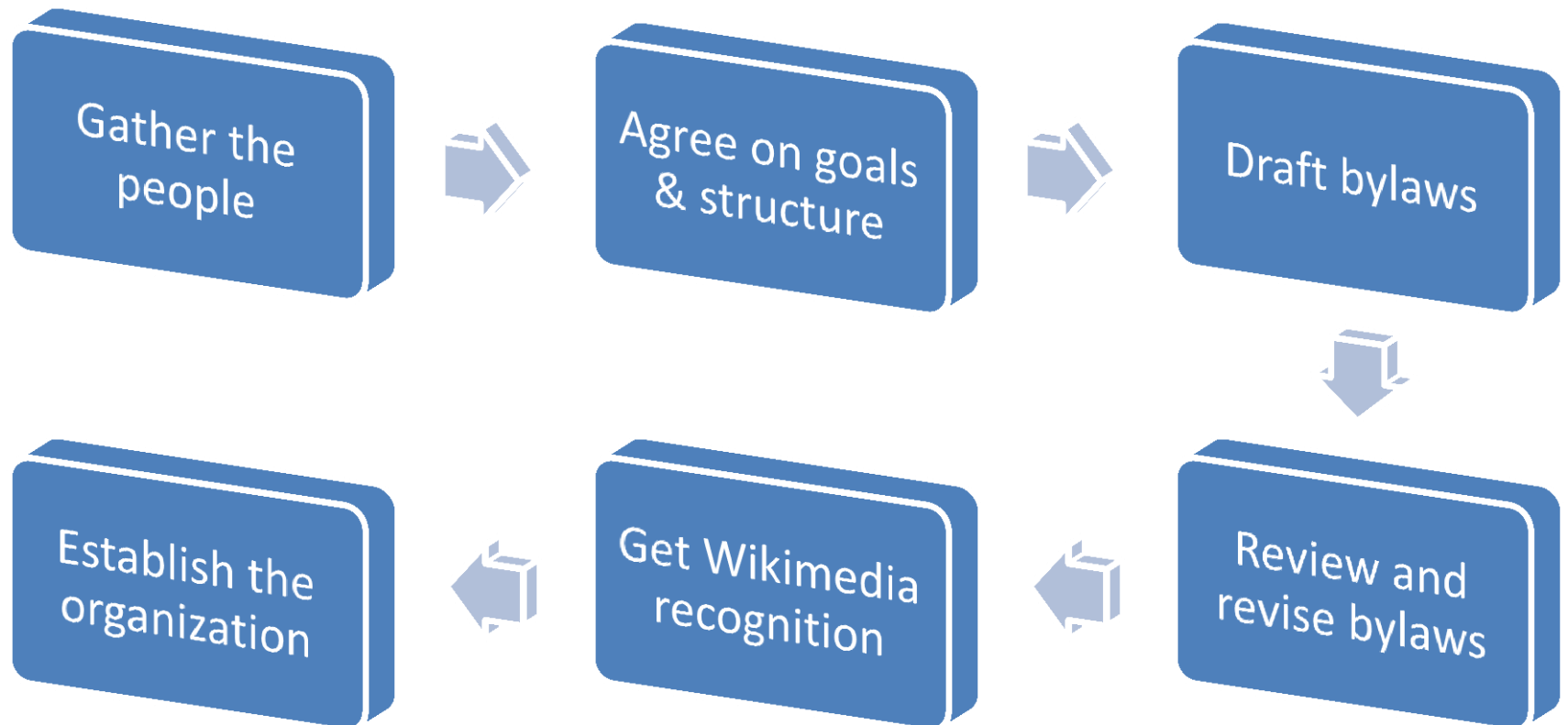


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2012

2012 Participating countries

How to set up your own chapter?



Your Questions

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