



WIKIMANIA 2011
Haifa, Israel

Volunteer at the international conference of Wikipedia editors and volunteers, in Haifa!

Wikimania is the annual conference of the Wikimedia Foundation. This year, it will take place in Haifa and will mark ten years of Wikipedia – the free encyclopedia. Hundreds of guests from Israel and 48 other countries will participate in the conference, in addition to Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia, and Sue Gardner, the Executive Director of the Wikimedia Foundation.

Wikimania takes place every year in a different city. Past host-cities have been: Frankfurt, Germany (2005); Boston, USA (2006); Taipei, Taiwan (2007); Alexandria, Egypt (2008); Buenos Aires, Argentina (2009) and Gdansk, Poland (2010).

The Wikimania conference – which allows Wikimedia-projects participants, supporters of free and open source knowledge, researchers, educators, journalists and other interested people to all meet each other – will take place over three days (Thursday through Saturday). The conference will include 125 lectures in five tracks (subjects), and workshops with discussions about topics in free content, open source, copyrights, internet communities and networks, and education.

We need volunteers!

- Lecture room head – responsible for the lecture tracks and the discussion rooms, keeping the lectures on schedule, and regular contact with the operations room.
- Operations room and information desk volunteers, to ensure the smooth running of the event and assist the conference attendees and the other volunteers.
- Coordinators for transportation, lodging, and registration.
- Those knowledgeable in communications and new media – help prepare material for the press, social media sites and more.
- Any other help!

Volunteers are requested to work half a day on each day of the conference. During the rest of the time, volunteers can attend any of the lectures or other activities. Likewise, volunteers will be able to participate in the central assembly and in the social activities (pre-party on the roof of Tiltan College, cocktail reception in the Auditorium garden, beach party at Nirvana).

The volunteering is on August 3rd-6th (including Friday and Saturday), at the Haifa Auditorium and Beit Hecht (both in Mercaz HaCarmel). Basic English is required.

Want to take part?

Tell us a bit about you and what you can help with:

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For additional details about the event, see <http://wikimania2011.wikimedia.org>