



## The Charity Commission

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## Re: Wikimedia UK

Bristol City Council is happy to recommend the work of Wikimedia UK to the Charity Commission; we consider it to give public benefits of several kinds.

Bristol has developed a strong connection with the work of Wikimedia UK. In particular, their approach to openly sharing knowledge and learning aligns well with the city council's commitment to open source and open standards. Wikimedia is also a strong example of inclusion in action and again, this chimes with our commitment to Digital Inclusion.

We were delighted when last year, Jimmy Wales, the Founder of Wikimedia chose Bristol as his only visit to the UK regions. The free public lecture that he gave attracted more than 500 people, and could easily have been filled several times over. The Vision of all the World's Knowledge Freely Available to everyone is admirable and certainly caught the public imagination and interest in Bristol.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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