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| Wrap-up— | Connecting with Wikipedians and Wikimedians on- and off-wiki |

You may have wondered if there are Wikipedians near you. How can you find out if there are any Wikipedia events you can attend in your region? Are there Wikipedia groups you can invite into your library. Depending on where you are, this be the case. But it can be tricky to find out. Here’s a primer on channels and methods you can use to connect to Wikipedians and Wikimedians on and off-wiki.

**Are there editors in your region?**

As a free, open and anonymous project run by volunteers, Wikipedia editors tend to come and go and are hard to track. Some editors may join for a brief time, participate in an event or two, then move on to another activity. Other active editors may contribute for years but not attend or organize Wikipedia meet-ups. How to connect? To add confusion to the matters, there’s no one way that Wikipedians connect. The encyclopedia may be written in Wikipedia, but Wikimedia social relationships and activities are forged across a variety of platforms, channels and spaces. To help you wade through, here are a few strategies to use to discover if there are any editors – and editing events – near you.

Affiliates and chapters

Check the list of Wikipedia movement [chapters](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_movement_affiliates#chapters) and [affiliates](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_movement_affiliates); connecting with Wikimedia organizations is a sure way to connect with other editors, find out about their events and programs, and invite collaboration.

Listservs

Thematic or organizational listservs are a tried and true way to connect. Movement listservs are listed on an [overview page](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Mailing_lists/Overview). Find a regional affiliate listserv that is relevant to your location; or connect via a subject-matter listservs, of note is the [Libraries](https://lists.wikimedia.org/mailman/listinfo/libraries) listserv for “all things Wikimedian and librarian, and the inevitable love affair between the two” and/or the [glam-us-consortium](https://lists.wikimedia.org/mailman/listinfo/glam-us-consortium).

Search Wikipedia

Wikipedia meetup pages are on-wiki event pages. Ten years ago, most if not all, Wikipedia events were coordinated at least in part by [Wikimedia meetup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup). Some events are posted. Scroll to see the compilation of future meet-ups globally. You can also search past and present events in your region by putting

site:https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup Seattle

into a search engine bar. Of course, replace Seattle with the city or region you are searching.

In the past few years, editors and community organizers have been transitioning to using other event organizing tools and platforms. Some organizers not make meetup pages. To find an event, you can poke around [Meetup](https://www.meetup.com), [EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/), and the [Outreach Dashboard](https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/explore) campaigns.

If you create your own event, [create a program in the Wikipedia + Libraries campaign](https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/campaigns/wikipedia__libraries_better_together/overview) in the Outreach Dashbiard, we will support you!

Facebook

The large social network has been a popular space for Wikipedians to connect. The [Wikipedia + Libraries](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WikiLibrary/) global facebook group (name is not related to this project) is one space that library staff can join to be in conversation with other library staff or library champions globally.

Twitter

Feeds to follow, depending on where your interests lay, include:

@WikiWomeninRed (very active)

@wikiwomen (WikiWomen's collaborative user group)

@wikiloves (Wiki loves Monuments USA)

@artandfeminism (global Art + Feminism campaign)

@glamwiki – (Tends to feature museum perspectives)

@wikicommons – (Image repository)

@wikidata – (linked open data)

**Conferences**

Wiki Conference North America helps build community, which is especially important in an active online community. [Wiki North American 2018](https://wikiconference.org/wiki/2017/Main_Page) will be hosted in Ohio in October 2018. Funding is available look to the webpage for guidance.

**Wikimania**

Wikimania is Wikimedia’s flagship conference, [Wikimania 2018](https://wikimania2018.wikimedia.org/wiki/Attend) will be held in CapeTown, South Africa. Funding is available so you can apply for support to attend.

*Keep in mind: there’s no one way to Wikipedia, and there’s no one way to connect with Wikipedians!*