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Projects from the last two months

The past two months have involved several meetings, which I've listed here:http://uk.wikimedia.org/wiki/User:Toni_Sant_%28WMUK%29/Education_events#M eetings

The most signifiant meetings where the following:

- Two meetings with Sophie Osterberg to discuss closer collaboration with the WMF Education Program efforts and the broader WM global movement activities in the education sector. She and Rod Dunican are planning to attend EduWiki.
- A full WMUK staff-meeting with Mark Kelleher about possible synergies with BBC Learning, among other things.
- A meeting with potential volunteers to assist WMUK with the creation of a contact list of all Student Unions in the UK.

I have mainly been focused on creating a Wikimedia awareness campaign for university student unions and the creation of potential new student societies supported by WMUK, as well as further preparations for EduWiki, including releasing a public call for proposal and publicising this widely.

In terms of events, I co-organised a <u>European young researchers network Wikipedia</u> workshop at Oxford on 10 July 2013, involving a number of volunteers.

Also, on 26 July 2013 I attended a WMUK Staff Training Day at Development House.

The PastPlace bid to the AHRC by led by Dr Humphry Southall, and supported by WMUK, was not successful in securing the required funding from the research council. Dr Southall is exporting other ways to get parts of the proposed project in going anyway.

Furthermore, I contributed a message from the office for the July 2013 Members' Newsletter:

http://uk.wikimedia.org/wiki/Membership/Newsletter/2013/July

And a blog post about the awareness campaign for new student societies:

http://blog.wikimedia.org.uk/2013/09/spreading-free-knowledge-on-university-campuses-across-the-uk/

Projects in the next three months

- 1. Organisational work and final planning for EduWiki Conference 2013 will dominate the next three months. Pro-active engagement with volunteers, including through the Conference Committee and the Education Committee. A draft schedule is now available on the wiki page, and this will be updated quite regularly until the end of September, when the final programme will be announced.
- 2. Meanwhile, the Wikimedia awareness campaign for university student unions and the creation of potential new student societies supported by WMUK continues with a number of potential events at a number of interested universities. We are hoping to attract officers from some of the student societies to attend the EduWiki conference. Updates on this are available at http://uk.wikimedia.org/wiki/Student_societies
- 1. 3. The summer is a very hard time to engage people in the education sector as this is holiday season, outreach efforts continue. Follow-ups with all contacts initiated before July will continue into the new academic year. Initial responses in September are encouraging and the target of supporting at least two other education related events seems well within reach.
- 4. I'm sitting on the recruitment/interview panel for the York Museums Trust recruiting a Wikimedian in Residence, mainly because I'm based in Scarborough and it's relatively easier for me to travel to York than it is for anyone else who could do this instead of me.
- 5. I will also be working closely with Dr Martin Poulter, the Jisc Wimedia Ambassador, supporting his activities as needed, until the first part of 2014.