

Report title: Volunteers update	Author: Katie Chan (Volunteer Support Organiser)
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Report description: Overview of events & volunteer activities over the last two months.	



Decisions and actions required, risks identified:

Item	Explanation	Action required	Risk
Volunteering strategy	Previously requested by board.	Board to adopt with any amendments.	None identified.

Projects from the last ~~three~~ two months

Microgrants & Macrogrants – One pending microgrants and one pending macrogrants application is pending review and recommendation to the Chief Executive. Over the last reporting period, one microgrants and one macrogrants application have been approved. Purchases for the approved microgrant have been made and delivered to the volunteer.

Volunteer equipments – 85% of the budget have been spent. The reminding amount have been allocated to future purchases to be made in the near future. Over the last reporting period, 115 hours of laptops use have taken place in events involving a total of approximately 50 people. This does not include usage as part of the Wales Pathway project. 2 hours of projector use in events involving 3 people. The charity's camera have produced 277 photos and one short video uploaded onto Wikimedia Commons, 99.6% of which were produced using the Canon EOS 60D.

Meetups – A total of 11 meetups in 7 location have or are scheduled to take place between the previous and current in person board meeting. The meetup in Chester having taken place for the first time in that city, with the meetup in Bristol being a revived location 3 years after the last meeting. Further new meetups have been proposed to take place in Newcastle and Leeds.

Sphingonet Wiki workshop – Supported by DC & TS. Attended by 13 people including the 2 from the National Library of Scotland Wikimedian in Residence project, plus 4 trainers. Summary of day appeared on blog and July edition of the Members Newsletter.

Monmouth Wikipedia training – Supported by KTC. Attended by 10 people including trainers. Feedback from Monmouthshire County Council have been positive.

Medical Research Council Women in Science event – Supported by DC. Attended by over 20 people, pushing the capacity of the venue, plus 3 trainers for the editing event. Over 100 people attended the associated talk by Prof. Athene Donald. Details of media coverage of the event can be found on the associated page.

Conway Hall archives editathon – Supported by JC. Attended by roughly 20 people, the capacity of the venue. Attendees range from new to very experienced editors. Summary of day appeared on blog.

WikiSym+OpenSym 2013 – Two volunteers received scholarships from the charity to attend the WikiSym+OpenSym conference and the Wikimania conference afterwards in Hong Kong,

Wikimania 2013 – A total of five full scholarships and two partial scholarships were award to

volunteers to attend the Wikimania conference in Hong Kong (in addition to the WikiSym scholarships attendees). Unfortunately, one of the recipients was not able to attend owing to illness. In addition, 3 trustees and 2 staff also attended representing the chapter. A number of other UK based volunteers attended using their own or alternative source of funding.

Wiki Loves Monuments – Preparation work picked up in intensity in August, the final month before the competition. In the end, a large number of volunteers and editors contributed to the overall readiness of the UK competition. A macrogrant for prizes were made to the charity and approved. In the first 3 days of the competition, over 600 images have been upload as part of the UK competition.

Projects in the next three months

Members Newsletter – Newly redesigned newsletter have been sent out in July & August. Owing to a technical issue, the email design will need to be reconsidered for the September issue.

New member leaflet & Volunteer Portal – Work on leaflet continuing with KB & SB on Volunteer/Join us handout. A first draft design have been returned by the designer. Will be available for actual use from the end of September.

Volunteer database – To be worked on once migration take place at the end of September.

Committees / Working Groups

Conference Committee

- Committee were asked to recommend a date for the 2014 AGM.

Education Committee

- Business conducted via email.

Technology Committee

- One meeting postponed until after UK wiki and database migration.

Wiki Loves Monuments Working Group

- Business conducted via email and on wiki discussions.