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Report description: Summary of volunteers support activities from March 13, and forthcoming areas of work.	



As a new employee with many of the following projects just starting or continuing, I am not able to produce this report in the standard format of last three months / next three months at this time. This will be corrected for future reports.

Meetups

A total of 10 meetups in 7 locations have or are scheduled to take place between the previous and current in person board meeting (excluding EGM). 3 new meetups have been proposed and organised by volunteers to take place in [Brighton](#), [Glasgow](#) and [Nottingham](#), with Brighton having occurred on 28 April. A Google map tagged with all current and former meetups can be seen [here](#).

WikiConference UK

The office have continued to support volunteers from the Conference Committee in the organisation of this year [WikiConference](#) and the charity's AGM. Deadline for [talk submissions](#) is on 12 May. Nomination for and selection of recipients of Wikimedia of the Year awards to take place.

Wiki Loves Monuments

The working group for Wiki Loves Monuments has been formed, with its [first meeting](#) having taken place on 25 April. Conclusion reached on the type of monuments to focus on for this year, potential type of prizes and discussions on coverage of crown dependencies and overseas territories. Mailing list set up to aid in-group communications and planning.

Wikimania & WikiSym+OpenSym scholarships

Decisions on scholarships for Wikimania & WikiSym+OpenSym reached and communicated to applicants. All successful applicants have indicated their acceptance to the condition of the scholarships. One unsuccessful applicant requested and received a breakdown of their application score as assigned by Wikimania 2013 Scholarships Committee.

Volunteer equipments & project grants

Slide scanner and high quality digital camera purchased for use by volunteers. Page to be created on wiki listing all available volunteer equipment and its current status. Templates created on Wikimedia Commons for tagging media file [created](#) either using WMUK equipment or as a result of [support](#) from Wikimedia UK, such as through microgrants. To be improved with more granular categorisation to allow tracking of files by year or projects.

Volunteer development

Ideas and feedback gathered from event on 23 March on developing volunteering. A number of different pages or documents to be created to provide volunteers with information on how to get involve, how to organise new meetups etc. Database of volunteers information to be created and collected to aid in both volunteer communication and development.

WMUK merchandise

A review of WMUK merchandise will be conducted with Daria.

Others

Events either developed or led by volunteers to take place in May: [Lua on Wikimedia](#), [Academic Dress editathon](#).

In response to a request, this is a summary of committees, working groups and events involving the volunteer community since the February board meeting. Events led by or as part of Wikimedian in Residence programmes are not included.

Committees / Working groups

Conference Committee

- Business conducted via email.
- Consisting of approximately 1 board member, 7¹ other volunteers, 2^{2,3} staff.
- The Conference Committee has struggled with a lack of volunteer capacity, partly as a result of a number of its members being solely interested in or having the time for London's Wikimania 2014 bid but not WikiConference UK 2013 organisation.

Education Committee

- 1 meeting
- Attended by 1 board member, 4 other volunteers, 3 staff.

GLAM Working Group / GLAM-Wiki Organisation Group

- 1 meeting, business also conducted via email.
- Consisting of approximately 1 board member, 6⁴ other volunteers, 2 staff.

Technology Committee

- 2 meetings, business mostly conducted via email list.
- Attended by 2 board members, 5⁵ other volunteers, 3 staff.

Wiki Loves Monuments Working Group

- 1 meeting
- Attended by 3 volunteers, 2 staff.
- Mailing list set up with 1 board member, 9 other volunteers, 3 staff.

Events

Training the Trainers

- Attended by 1 board member, 10 other volunteers, 1 staff.

March 2013 WMUK media event

- Attended by 1 board member, 10 other volunteers, 5⁶ staff.

Wikimedia UK open day and workshop

- Attended by approximately 35 current or interested potential volunteers and staff.

Communicate OER Nottingham Meetup / Editathon

- Volunteer organised and led, with no staff involvement. Attended by approximately 2 UK based volunteers and 5 conference participants.

British Psychological Society workshop

- Volunteer organised and led, with no staff involvement. Attended by 2 UK based volunteers and 6 conference participants.

Oldham Wikipedia training

- Staff supported, with event itself led by 5 volunteers, and attended by 5 trainees.

Spatial Ecology & Epidemiology Group Wikipedia training

- Staff supported, with event itself led by 4 volunteers, and attended by 7 trainees.

Lua on Wikimedia

- Staff supported, to be led by volunteers from the WMUK community and London Lua. A total of 31 people have signed up.

Academic Dress editathon

- Volunteer organised and led, with minimum staff support and encouragement. A total of 12

1 Including one staff member solely in a volunteer capacity.

2 Including one staff member who started as a volunteer.

3 A number of other staff members are also subscribed to the mailing list.

4 Including one volunteer who has since been employed by the charity.

5 Including one volunteer who has since been employed by the charity.

6 Not all in a staff capacity.

people have provisionally signed up.