Women Leadership in Ocean Science and Technology

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting

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Have you ever used Wikipedia?

When did you last use it?

What did you look up?

You are not alone!

In 2021, Wikipedia was the most visited website in the US.

- 1.5 billion unique devices access Wikipedia monthly.

- Wikipedia has 327 language editions.

- 39.9 million users access Wikipedia from their mobile phones per day.

If we all use it, why are we here?

Wikipedia has some issues...

There is a Wikipedia page all about the issue!
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_bias_on_Wikipedia)

INCREASING THE VISIBILITY OF WOMEN IN OCEAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON WIKIPEDIA

Women and their contributions to society are not well represented on Wikipedia, creating a **CONTENT BIAS**

Only
19%
of profiles are about women

85%
of Wikipedia editors are male

What can I do?

There are small things we can all do to improve the visibility of women and their accomplishments on Wikipedia. Lets keep the momentum going together!

1 SHARE
these facts with your friends and colleagues

2 BE AWARE
of gender bias when sourcing information

3 LEARN
a new skill and edit Wikipedia

4 PARTICIPATE
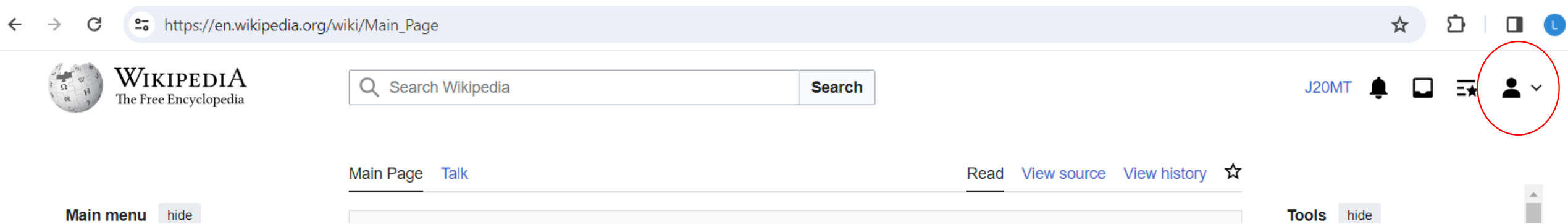or host your own Edit-a-thon!

Let's Learn!

A few mentions before we get started…

Once you get in, editing is not difficult, it is like editing a Word document

It is the game of figuring out the best resources to link, and convincing the editors of "notability"

Sign in or Create a Wikipedia log in

Remember you may choose to make your username anonymous and gender-neutral.

Track it!

Please register your username at the Event Dashboard so we can track the outcomes of today's edit-a-thon.

http://tinyurl.com/4xe63j69

Tip!

Track it!

Update your user page to record that you are "Participating in an editathon on February 18, 2024" and hyperlink to the dashboard page.

This lets other editors know that you are a new contributor and still learning.

Getting Started

What should I work on during the editathon?

There are many different ways for you to contribute.

Wikipedia is the product of millions of individual contributions and every change that is made, no matter how small, makes a difference!

We've prepared a list of suggested subjects and assembled some preliminary sources to get you started.
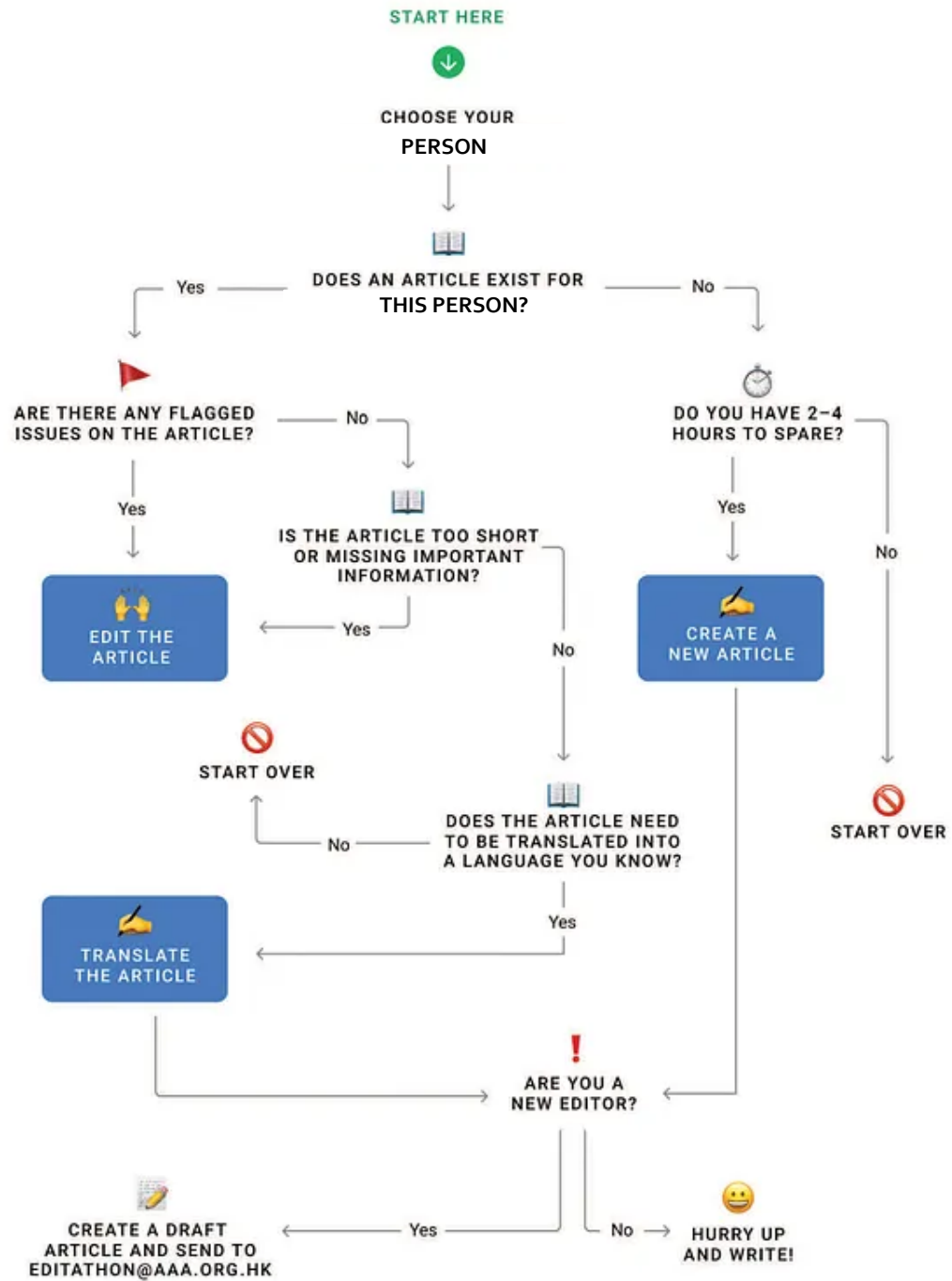
http://tinyurl.com/yjd9cbtp

Tip!

Conflict of Interest

Keep in mind Wikipedia's Conflict of Interest guidelines when selecting your subject to make sure it is appropriate for you to make the edits. Once you've decided which task you'd like to tackle, add your username to the table.

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conflict-of-interest_editing_on_Wikipedia)

Flowchart created by the M+ Digital team to help participants figure out first steps. Image © M+, Hong Kong

Types of Contributions

Edits to existing biographies

Expand a stub biography or article

Improve/embellish an existing biography

Translate an existing biography to another language

Create a new biography

Tip!

Review existing biographies you like and emulate those entries.

Save.
As you edit/create, save. Save. Save. Save. Save.

Creating

Tip!
Neutral point of view

Creating

Write from a neutral point of view. All articles should be balanced to convey an impression of the various points of view on a subject. Some views may get more attention than others, depending on the attention they receive in reliable sources. Wikipedia has no "opinion" of its own; it just accurately summarizes reliable sources.

Tip!

Verifiability

Creating

Articles should contain only material that has been published by reliable sources. These are sources with a reputation for fact-checking and accuracy, like newspapers, academic journals, and books. *Even if something is true* our standards require it be published in a reliable source before it can be included. The obligation to provide a reliable source is on whoever wants to include material.

Tip!

No original research

Creating

Articles may not contain previously unpublished arguments, concepts, data, or theories, nor any new analysis or synthesis of them if it advances a position. In other words, you can't make a point that hasn't already been directly made somewhere else in a reliable source. You can summarize, but it has to be based in the sources.

Tip!

Creating

Be bold in updating pages!

No mistake can break Wikipedia, because any edit can be undone. Encourage others, including those who disagree with you, to likewise **be bold!** If you find yourself disagreeing with someone's boldness, or they with yours, discuss it on the talk page. That's it.

Tip!

Creating

Do not violate copyrights!
Do not copy/paste text into a Wikipedia unless it is short quotation, placed in quotation marks, and cited using an inline citation. Even material that is in the public domain must be attributed to the source. While not a copyright violation, is plagiarism.

Tip!

How to cite a web page

According to Wikipedia, web page citations typically include:
- URL of the webpage
- name of the author(s)
- title of the article within quotation marks
- name of the website
- date of the website's publication
- page number(s) (if applicable)
- the date you retrieved (or accessed) the webpage (required if the publication date is unknown)

you may not be able to determine all of the information

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Getting Fancy

Wikimedia: Simplified Rule Set

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Simplified_ruleset

Your First Article

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Your_first_article

Introduction to editing with Wiki Markup

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Introduction_to_editing_with_Wiki_Markup/1

Adding Pictures

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Pictures

WikiProject: Women Scientists

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Women_scientists

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What next?

How can I engage?

Join our LinkedIn Group:
Women Leadership in Marine Technology and Science
(https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8983927/)

Join future webinars:
MTS Women Leadership in Marine Technology and Science
(https://www.mtsociety.org/women-leadership)

Thank you for attending!

Please join us for future conversations

2024 Webinars:

April 10 – Failure…We all do it. How to learn from it.

July 10

October 9