Introduction

Wikidata and Wikibase Workshops have emerged as methods to promote, teach, implement, use and develop the Wikidata infrastructure. These workshops have targeted specific communities, themes or data, but were similar in content: introducing Wikibase and Wikidata.

Organisation: Things to keep in mind

An event based on Wikidata requires early decisions such as the goals and purpose, location, date and communications plan, etc. However, some additional aspects must be considered in order to ensure a successful experience, e.g., skills and knowledge of the structure and interface of Wikidata in order to retrieve and edit entities successfully.

Hackathons should be focused on Wikidata but additional datasets could be used such as those provided by Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAMS). In general, this events have a tight time schedule (e.g., 24 to 48 hours).

Benefits of events based on Wikidata

- Exposure to new people
- Reputation
- Innovation
- New skills
- Collaboration
- New products

Lessons learned

- Be ready to work hard as a member of the organising team and as a participant
- You will be pleasantly surprised about the results and the final prototypes
- Participants will have an exciting experience
- The event will generate traffic on your social networks
- In some cases, many of the participants can be from your organisation, but it is still a learning and productive experience

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