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Project #7: Organizing a Wikithon

Idea: Organize a public and open Wikithon (Wikipedia edit-a-thon) in order to harness the wisdom of the crowd, and to create content and resources on topics or groups of people that are underrepresented. For example, the goal could be to create good-quality Wikipedia pages of Computer scientists, mathematicians, or physicists from underrepresented groups to increase diversity.

Examples include: Diversity in Mathematics Wikithon, held on Oct. 8 by Dept. of Mathematics at UCL in celebration of Ada Lovelace Day.

Goals:
- Learn about community and event organization
- Create open content

Difficulty: Medium

Subjects: open content, open educational resources, open science

Deliverables:
- Transparent and open planning process (e.g. within a Wiki or a GitHub repo)
- Documentation of the Wikithon (final report, pictures, statistics)

Requirements and costs:
- ?

Milestones:
1. Gather information about how to run an edit-a-thon
2. Get support (e.g. mentors, donations)
3. Plan, organize, and hold event
4. Evaluate success (think about metrics/criteria - and how to measure them - beforehand) and release documentation/report

Estimation:

References:
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_run_an_edit-a-thon