

Wikicontest Youth in IG

Rules and how to participate

A Youth Observatory/Youth SIG project

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Rules

Introduction

1. The Wikicontest will be conducted entirely online
 - 1.1. This Wikicontest covers the following Wikimedia platforms: Wikipedia and Wikidata.
2. Participations can be made in four languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.
 - 2.1. You can participate in languages other than your native one. However, it would be best to take special care with grammar issues as the same readability parameters will evaluate all participants.
 - 2.2. You can receive prizes in all language categories that you participate in, but we strongly recommend that you focus on a maximum of two languages.
3. The Wikicontest is open to young people aged 18-35 of all nationalities.
 - 3.1. Proof of age will be required only to receive prizes.
4. The contest will focus on multiple Internet Governance topics, especially related to youth participation.
 - 4.1. We chose this subject because Internet Governance is a broad field of study that has not been developed enough in the Wikipedia pages, with a visible lack of content about it in different languages.
 - 4.2. We recommend participants to look upon [Internet Society's 2021 Work Plan](#) to get inspiration for their editing/writing ideas.
5. Previous experience with Internet governance topics is desired but not mandatory.
 - 5.1. However, it is highly recommended that participants with little experience do some previous research and connect with the topic before the competition begins.

How to participate

6. Every participant **must** [create a Wikimedia account](http://bit.ly/Wikicontest_Youth_in_IG_Form) (or a separate account on Wikipedia and Wikidata) **and** register at our specific form: http://bit.ly/Wikicontest_Youth_in_IG_Form
7. Participants must register their contributions connecting themselves to the [WikiContest Youth in IG \(May 2021\) Programs & Events Dashboard](#) (password/access code: dmaxpghr). Here is [a guide on how to use it](#).
 - 7.1. Every participant who registers in Wikimedia shall permit "Wikimedia's Programs & Events Dashboard" to track the contributions on the above said platforms.
 - 7.2. In addition, in our specific registration form, participants should clarify their usernames in the Wikimedia platform.
8. Participants who are new to Wikimedia platforms should attend the introductory webinar to learn how to use the tools of each Wikimedia project (guides for Wikipedia are the basis for understanding how to edit). They can check the available tutorials here:
 - 8.1. [EN] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Getting_started and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Introduction>;
 - 8.2. [ESP] <https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayuda:Tutorial> y <https://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayuda:Introducci%C3%B3n>;
 - 8.3. [PT] <https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajuda:Tutorial>;
 - 8.4. [FR] <https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aide:D%C3%A9buter>;
 - 8.5. There is also a short course on Wikipedia modules, available in English, here: <https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/training>;
 - 8.6. Participants can also check other guides, such as the one at [Harvard Law School Library](#).
9. All personal data collected will solely be used to prepare and execute the Wikicontest, such as identifying participants and sending them relevant e-mails specifically about the project.

Evaluation

10. There will be four judging teams (one for each language) of three people each. They will be composed of:
 - 10.1. One experienced Wikimedian;
 - 10.2. One young Internet governance expert,
 - 10.3. One member of the Youth Observatory Board.
11. Evaluation criteria are divided into two groups. Those who do not fulfill the eliminatory criteria will not compete for the prize:
 - 11.1. Eliminatory criteria are:
 - 11.1.1. Participation in all expected Wikimedia Projects (Wikipedia and Wikidata);
 - 11.1.2. Compliance to Wikimedia standards, especially concerning human rights and non-discriminatory content;
 - 11.1.3. Novelty and creativity on at least one of the produced contents, doing your research based on secondary sources (do not confuse this item with original research. You should not draw your own conclusions or make assumptions when editing Wiki articles);
 - 11.1.4. Complete translation of at least one medium-to-long article (more than 700 words, excluding references) available in other languages, in at least one of the three platforms of the WikiContest;
 - 11.1.4.1. To EN editors that are not native English speakers: as requested during the Webinar, you can also translate English articles to your own language. When doing this, please translate them as close as possible to the original text in English, because we don't have judges who speak all languages.
 - 11.1.4.2. Since our dashboard won't automatically register contributions to Wikipedia that are not in EN, ES, PT, or FR, you will need to send an email to info@youthsig.org with the links to your translation (the original article in EN and the resulting translated article).

- 11.1.4.3. Translations are just one type of the contributions evaluated, so you will still need to make other edits in EN that are not translations to win the Wikicontest.
 - 11.1.5. Correction or updates made on at least one existing text;
 - 11.1.6. The integrity of the information provided on the website, regarding the contributions made;
 - 11.1.7. Contributions must be connected with an Internet Governance subject, in the broader sense.
- 11.2. Classificatory criteria are:
- 11.2.1. Number of contents added or improved in each Wikimedia Project, prioritizing Wikipedia;
 - 11.2.2. Variety of types of contributions (translations, updates, new content, enhancement);
 - 11.2.3. Selection of trustable sources to elaborate the creative input;
 - 11.2.4. Grammar and readability;
 - 11.2.5. Relevance of your contribution to youth participation in Internet Governance.
- 11.3. Since judging teams are small, the evaluation will be focused on more objective criteria for the classificatory analysis.
- 11.3.1. To have competitive participation and guarantee that your writings will be deeply reviewed, be careful to contribute beyond the bare minimum and common sense requisites.
 - 11.3.1.1. For example, it is unlikely that you will be successful only by adding just the bare minimum of content to fulfill the eliminatory criteria, using dubious sources, or making severe grammar mistakes.
 - 11.3.2. By the same logic, evident common sense infractions such as plagiarism will result in your disqualification.

Prizes

12. Prizes are gift cards from Amazon, Apple, or Google, accumulating to the amount of U\$ 620,00 (six hundred and twenty dollars), approximately £515 (a hundred and fifteen euros), divided in the following way:
 - 12.1. U\$100,00 first-place general, in only one language, selected by all four teams of judges among the winners of each language (x1);
 - 12.2. U\$70,00 - second place in the winner's language and first place for the three other languages (x4);
 - 12.3. U\$40,00 - third place in the winner's language and second place for the three other languages (x4);
 - 12.4. U\$20,00 - fourth place in the winner's language and third place for the other three languages (x4).
13. After the judges' final decision, which will be communicated to all participants through e-mail and posted on the [Youth Observatory blog](#), prize winners will be contacted by the Youth Observatory board to decide on the matters of receiving their gift.
 - 13.1. It is not permitted to receive the prize in currency, just in gift cards;
 - 13.2. Winners can decide which gift cards they will prefer and how they will receive them. If they desire to send the card to a friend or a charity of their choosing, they can.
 - 13.3. Winners have a deadline of one week after they are announced to claim their prize and another week to provide the means of receiving the award (informing the email they would like to receive it, for example).
 - 13.3.1. If they do not answer our contact through their e-mail or other informed means of communication, the amount corresponding to their prize will be returned to Wikimedia.

Deadlines and important dates:

14. Applications will be accepted during the whole duration of the contest.
15. Introductory webinars will happen on May 16 (Sunday), 2021.
 - 15.1. The exact hour will be defined with invited lecturers depending on the timezone of applicants and communicated through e-mails and the Youth Observatory Blog/social media.
 - 15.2. These webinars will be recorded and presented in the official languages of the Wikicontest (EN, ESP, PT, and FR) requested by at least 15 applicants in the application form.
16. Valid contributions can be made from 00h01 of May 17 (Monday), 2021, until 23h59 of May 28 (Friday), 2021.
17. Contributions will be evaluated by the judging teams from May 29, 2021, until June 13, 2021.
 - 17.1. If the evaluation process ends before this date, participants will be notified of the results.

General remarks

18. Any necessary subsequent changes to these rules will be communicated to participants by e-mail and announced on the Blog.
19. All situations not foreseen in these rules will be solved by the Youth Observatory Board upon consultation or ex officio.
 - 19.1. These solutions must be decided necessarily under principles of neutrality and non-personality, with members declaring themselves impeded if there is a conflict of interest in the specific case.
20. You can contact the Youth Observatory board for further information, inquiries, and support at info@youthsig.org or its Head of Editorial Commission (person responsible for managing the Rapid Grant) at pedrodeperdigalana@gmail.com.
 - 20.1. We will not reply to questions already answered at these rules or in the guides listed in the section "How to Participate".

Annex 1: Useful resources to study Internet Governance

- <https://www.diplomacy.edu/resources/books/introduction-internet-governance>
- <https://www.internetsociety.org/learning/>
- <https://www.diplomacy.edu/>
- <https://udesa.edu.ar/cetys>
- <https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/>
- <https://www.gppi.net/media/Internet-Governance-Past-Present-and-Future.pdf>
- <https://www.researchgate.net/> and <https://papers.ssrn.com/> (as two great platforms with open access to navigate through academic articles)
- The History of Internet Governance, by Wolfgang Kleinwächter
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QUrkRtC2Js>

Annex 2: Examples of model Wiki articles (and examples that could be improved/added)

Reminder: you do not need to create a whole new article based on the examples provided below. This kind of contribution takes time and a lot of effort. You can just edit or translate existing articles to get them closer to the models offered - by adding a new section or expanding existing ones, adding references, or even correcting imprecise information (while pointing to the sources).

- [Internet Governance Forum in English](#) is an excellent example of a complete Wikipedia article related to IG. The same article in [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#) are well developed but not fully detailed, while the [French version](#) is a more basic example, which could be profoundly improved.
- As examples of pages referring to institutions, in the pages in English, "[Association for Progressive Communications](#)" is a complete in-depth example, "[Internet Society](#)" is a good example, and "[Access Now](#)" is a basic one. There is no equivalent in other Wikicontest languages for some of these pages, providing an interesting opportunity for translation.