

Wikimaps Nordic

[Wikimaps](#) is an initiative by [Wikimedia Finland](#) to gather old maps in [Wikimedia Commons](#), place them in world coordinates with the help of Wikimedia volunteers and start using them in different ways.

The project brings together and further develops tools for the discovery of old maps and information about places through history.

The Wikimaps Nordic concentrates on regional collaboration with GLAM* partners. What kind of maps can we find in archives across the Nordic countries? What kind of information can we see in them? What can we create together with the public? Together with partners from the other Nordic countries. (* GLAM = Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums)

Planned activities for Wikimaps Nordic in 2014

Kick-off event

1-day kick-off event in the beginning of 2014 will invite project partners to Helsinki. The topics will be prepared together with the international developer community and the Nordic GLAM community. Emphasis will be placed on online participation.

Online challenges

Online challenges are thematic groups that work with specific areas of cultural historical geographic information within Wikimaps. The role of the Wikimaps Nordic project is to bring together the Nordic GLAMs with the developer community to solve the problems in dialogue.

Small technical & design sprints are launched as a result of collaborative thematic online meetings between the GLAM partners and the developer community.

Local collaboration with Wikimedia chapters

Local assignments are short-term assignments in each country locally. GLAM organizations work with their local Wikimedia chapters. This includes technical support offered for GLAM institutions in bringing their materials into Wikimedia Commons and tasks relating to the development.

Final hackathon

At the end of the project we will organize a hackathon event simultaneously in the major Nordic cities. We will look into possibilities of combining events that are being organized by the partners or other actors of open content, such as Apps4Finland, Hack4DK etc.

Wikimaps projects

[The Wikimaps Warper](#), developed by Tim Waters for the New York Public Library, is being adjusted to the Wikimedia environment. The tool lets users take scanned maps and place them in world coordinates.

[The Open Historical Map](#) is an environment that uses the OpenStreetMap mapping tools to trace map features from old maps. The aim is to create a constantly changing map that covers human history.

The Wikimaps Gazetteer is a proposal to store the changing place names, geographic and man-made features in a knowledge base in Wikimedia while being linked to OpenStreetMap. Wikidata links the geographic data to all the knowledge stored in Wikimedia.

[The Wikimaps Atlas](#) Graphical maps for Wikimedia. Sampling data in Wikimedia and beyond.

The Wikimaps Hacklab Candidate apps, testing, hacking. Bringing together new tools. Making experiments with the data.

Project partners that have already given their consent to be mentioned

Participants:

[Wikimedia Sweden](#) (WMSE)

[Wikimedia Finland](#) (WMFI)

[Wikimedia Estonia](#) (WMEE)

[Wikimedia Denmark](#) (WMDK)

[Wikimedia Norge](#) (WMNO)

OpenStreetMap, Estonia, Finland

Network:

[National Archives of Finland](#) / István Kecskeméti (FI)

[National Land Survey of Finland, Aerial Image Archive](#) / Juha Vilhomaa (FI)

[National Board of Antiquities](#) / Vesa Hongisto (FI)

[Helsinki Walks](#) / Prof. Laura Kolbe (FI)

[Brages Pressarkiv](#), Helsinki / Jessica Parland-von Essen (FI)

[Linked Data Finland](#) / Prof. Eero Hyvönen (FI)

[Digisam](#), Swedish National Archives / Johanna Berg (SE)

[Swedish National Heritage Board](#) / Lars Lundqvist (SE)

[Foreningen Historisk Atlas](#) / Rasmus Lorentzen (DK)

[National Museum of Denmark](#) / Jacob R. Wang (DK)

+ informally affiliated partners & individuals

+ tentative partners

See project presentation

- [Wikimaps in Wikimedia Commons](#)
- [Wikimaps presentation at Wikimania 2013](#)
- [Wikimaps Tartu-Hong Kong](#)

Blog posts etc

- [Pekka Sarkola: SOTM Baltics – osa III](#)
- [Jerry Clough: History Workshop at SotmBaltics](#)
- [Wikimedia Suomi: Wikimaps around the world](#)
- [Wikimedia Suomi: Wikimaps maailmanympärimatkalla](#)
- <http://shtosm.ru/all/wikimaps/>
- <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/digikirjasto/2013/08/29/karttoja-kartalle/>
- [Tuomas Linnake: Papatti vai dynamiitti? Vanhat ilmakuvat lentävät vapauteen. Digitoday 26.11.](#)

Join the community

- [Wikimaps Commons](#)
- [Wikimaps Facebook](#)
- [Wikimaps Nordic](#)

Event & presentation history

- GLAM-wiki, London ([presentation](#))
- Wikimedia Amsterdam Hackathon
- ICHC2013, Helsinki ([presentation](#))
- State of the Map Baltics, Tartu, Estonia & Wikimania, Hong Kong ([presentation](#))
- State of the Map, Birmingham ([presentation](#))
- Wikipedia Academy, Oslo, Norway, December 14, 2013 ([presentation](#))

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