[Slack channel: https://ld4.slack.com]

# LD4 Wikidata Affinity Group

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Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 16:00 UTC / 5pm CET (Time zone converter)
Facilitator: Eric Willey, Special Collections and Formats Cataloger, Illinois State University, ld4-wikidata-coord@googlegroups.com
Topic: Sam Oyeyele on the AfroCine project

**Connection Information**

**Recording**

https://stanford.zoom.us/rec/share/GvEK6flXSuJCpjIuv2Wp0WdE5_k6uJgr0N-AvGmQI qMhYjNE84v-Fpi4JBap_zQ._MTR5FKuJ3hkXylB?startTime=1635868257000

**Presentation Slides and Other Materials**

**Attendance** (if this is your first meeting, please write your name, Wiki* username, institution or affiliation, and interest in Wikidata if you'd care to share)

- Eric Willey, Illinois State University
- Mary Aycock, Texas State University
- Jarmo Saarikko, University of Helsinki (Q95592946)
- Allison Bailund, San Diego State
- Iman Dagher, UCLA
- Patricia Thurston, Yale
- Stephen Hearn, University of Minnesota
- Diane Shaw, Smithsonian Libraries & Archives
- Bob Kosovsky, New York Public Library | user:kosboot | Q98930316
- Brandie Pullen, NLM

- Soo Bae, National Gallery of Art Library
- Darnelle Melvin, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Amy Watson, Smithsonian Libraries & Archives
- Prema Desai, National Agricultural Library
- Joseph Nicholson - UNC Charlotte
- Jeff Young (OCLC Research)
- David Bigwood, Lunar and Planetary Institute (Q239221)
- Crystal Clements, University of Washington Libraries
- Greta de Groat, Stanford \ user: silentdivas
- Susan Radovsky, Harvard Library | User: Sradovsk
- Sarah Kasten, University of Notre Dame
- Jeannette Ho, Texas A&M University Libraries
- Melanie Polutta, Library of Congress
- Iván E Calimano (Library consultant)
- Steve Baskauf (Vanderbilt University Libraries)
- Hsianghui Liu-Spencer (Carleton College)
- Christa Strickler (Wheaton College)
- John Riemer (UCLA)
- Monika Soler Correa (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
- Karly Wildenhaus (Frick Art Reference Library)
- Rhonda Super (UCLA) Semantic Web LibGuide:
  https://guides.library.ucla.edu/semantic-web
- Annette Bailey (Virginia Tech)
- Mingyan Li (University of Illinois Chicago)
- Jeanette Norris (Yale)
- Nomsa Mathabela (Uneswa)

## Agenda

- Welcome + announcements
- Sam Oyeyele on the Wikidata AfroCine Project
- Q&A

## Announcements

- Next Wikidata Working Hour:
  - Monday, November 8, 2021 at 11:00am PT / 2:00pm ET / 19:00 UTC / 8:00pm CET (Time zone converter)
- Next Wikidata Affinity Group Call
  - Éder Porto on adding journal articles to Wikidata

- - - Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#))
  - Next [Wikibase Working Hour](#)
    - TENTATIVE November 2021, Date/Time TBD: Creating a WBStack Instance for alternative LCSH Labels: property creation
  - "Authors, Authority, and Identity: Facilitating Self-Identification for Discovery and Inclusive Knowledge Production**,"** a virtual symposium sponsored by Harvard Library, on [Wednesday November 3, from 11am to 4pm Eastern time.](#) Please [register here](#) for a Zoom link and event updates.
  - Perspectives on Wikidata: A forum sponsored by PCC Linked Data Advisory Committee, 12 November 2021 1-2:30 EST. [[Registration link](#)]
  - SWIB21 Online Conference - 13th Semantic Web in Libraries Conference, 29 November - 03 December 2021, UTC 14:00-16:30. [[LINK](#)]
  - WikidataCon 2021- Recordings for community tracks will be posted in a few weeks [here](#); recordings for presentations from October 29th are available [here](#)

## Help us organise the LD4-Wikidata affinity group!

We're moving to make it easier for more of us to participate in organising LD4-Wikidata affinity group programming! Here's what you can expect in coming weeks:
- We've opened up coordination meetings + channel on Slack
  - Coordination meetings take place once a month!
    - Current schedule: Monday at 1pm PT/4pm ET ([Time zone converter](#))
    - Next call -- save the date: **Tuesday November 9 at 12pm PST/3pm EST** (Zoom link in channel)
  - Join LD4 Slack channel [#wikidata-coordination](#) to join the conversation and get further updates!
- Anyone can sign up for various rotational roles and propose group call/working hour topics, either during each organising meeting or in the days following through the coord Slack
- Runsheets will be available for each role, and role hand-off will be a team effort. Depending on capacity/comfort level, you are welcome to take on a smaller role then grow into bigger roles.
- Here are roles that we've identified as gaps! These are some starting points, but we invite any and all sorts of contribution based on your skillset:
  - note-taking for a call
  - documentation -- help refine and build on key pages, and continue to develop/nudge others to add content
  - help communicate/promote programming
  - present during a group call on some topic
  - lead a working hour on some topic
  - help facilitate calls

## Weekly summary

*Listed in [Wikidata:Status updates](#) and posted to the [mailing list](#) / [on-wiki](#) to your talk page*

- Recent summaries
  - https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Status_updates
- Help write [the next summary](#)!

## More editing communities

- *[Live Wikidata Editing](#),* a Wikipedia Weekly Network live streaming show hosted by Jan Ainali and Albin Larsson. Wide variety of topics covered, archive of YouTube videos going back to March 2020.
- Telegram Wikidata channels:
  - Join Wikidata channel: https://t.me/joinchat/IeCRo0j5Uag1qR4Tk8Ftsg
  - Join Wikidata Help channel:  https://t.me/wikidatachat
  - Join Wikidata Ex Música channel: https://t.me/exmusica

Join Wikidata Lexicographical data: https://t.me/joinchat/TwVx898JKJTAajm4

# Call Topic:

*Sam Oyeyele on the AfroCine project*
- Slides and Links
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- AfroCine Project
  - Started in 2018 to bridge knowledge gaps in Wikimedia movement
  - Personal info: From Nigeria, joined in 2011
  - As volunteer and member of community organized several projects and campaigns
  - Lot of research and information on existing knowledge gap in Wiki and internet in general
  - Trying to be fair and neutral in representation but gaps still exist
  - We can't claim to see why that's not the case, because it resembles the real world (some areas disadvantaged, not as well represented)
  - More articles about 3 countries in Europe than entire African continent (54 countries) in Wikipedia
  - Trying to create articles and content to help close gap somewhat
  - Soon realized closing gap not achievable by one person

- - Ventured into community organizing to make people aware there is a community and they can contribute
    - Content gap arises from participation gap
    - Participation gap arises because people don't know about opportunities to contribute
    - Important to raise awareness
- In 2018 came up with idea (with others) to get people interested by focusing on pop culture
    - Pop culture is popular
    - AfroCine project invited people to add articles on Wikipedia and items on Wikidata
    - Started with recognitions for highest contributors
    - Did some things on commons (upload pictures for example)
    - Contest continued for 3 editions, on 4th edition
    - Have created 5000 articles and thousands more Wikidata items
    - Lot of initiatives related to Wikidata
        - Created a lot of queries to see items around films and art to see those related to African languages and translated items from 12 African languages to make them available in other languages
    - Dedicated prizes for Wikidata items for those who want to create items around the topic
    - Current edition is ongoing from October 1 to end of November
    - Organizers in Guana organizing an event based on Wikidata to add missing items (actors, etc.)
- Done several other things on side
    - Partnered to create offline database to use in learning
    - Have a proper project focused on communities that don't exist yet or are just developing
    - Have tried to involve existing communities, now moving into checking out more recently formed or forming African communities
- So far…
    - Created 5000+ articles, impacted over 20 languages, 15 events organized in different part of continent, looking at results from current contest
- Q&A
    - Continent wide movement, cataloged a lot of videos from Tanzania, sometimes difficult to find information on films, what countries are involved and level of involvement
        - Continent wide event, community members from Tanzania, all over continent, anyone interested in doing something can reach out. Gap is huge, and it is difficult to get reliable sources, especially for smaller industries. Easier to put links to fan websites on Wikidata. Any form of collaboration is appreciated.

- Best link for project: https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_AfroCine_Project
  - Or https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_AfroCine_Project/Months_of_African_Cinema/2021
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  - Or email Sam at samoye_@Hotmail.com

- Background as engineer, interesting interactions with library people or vice-versa?
  - Different background, but process, and good to follow to process. Worked with a lot of open communities, different ways of organizing but best to follow process. Engineering may help in analyzing things.
- What are some of the most effective ways to recruit people to participate in campaigns and the movement in general?
  - There is some networking to the movement, started by talking to people already knew in the movement, when know people doing great things reach out to them. Wikimedians willing to help and collaborate.
  - For campaigns and things that require a large number of people use mailing list, telegram groups, social media (Facebook, discord), some communities use WhatsApp, share info.
  - For building local communities it's good to collaborate with communities, good way to get newer users is to reach out with local communities, non-profits or commercial organizations willing to share information. Some might offer space or platform to advertise.
  - Mix of different approaches depending on what you're looking to achieve.
- What was done to train new editors?
  - Introduce basics, usually in the first meeting, usually good to have 2 days to train, it's a vast platform with lots of components.
  - Teach people the basics and what the movement stands for, some people are looking at it from different perspectives, good to teach people what movement stands for and what is allowed/not allowed, then move on to things like 5 pillars of Wikipedia to introduce people to do's and don'ts.
  - Generally like to start with workshops on Wikipedia, English Wikipedia has a robust policy and if they understand Wikipedia policy they can probably contribute everywhere else.
  - Later on in workshop can start writing articles if they're comfortable with policies.
  - Visual editor in Wikipedia makes it so much easier for people to start, can use sandbox for practice.
  - After workshop can send people off with relevant links (ex: notability, copyright policies, living persons policy)
  - Can also use outreach dashboard and have people register to check on their progress

- - Different methods for different people
- How important is referencing people's ethnic identities as well as national identities in the AfroCine project? Are the needed ethnicities adequately represented in Wikipedia and Wikidata?
  - Different projects have different policies, there is some consensus in some areas (English Wikipedia) to not reference people's ethnicities
  - From a personal perspective important to reference but also subjective (probably why English speaking people stopped it)
  - Sometimes causes editing wars, some people identify with both cultures, some with one
  - Big issues with ethnicity on global platforms is how different they are and disagreement on standards
  - From a personal perspective, important to reference people's ethnicities, national identities important, although it is tricky
- Any plan to recruit people from more and other African countries (based on what is listed on your page)
  - Currently have people from all over the continent, for events capacity is limited, can't have events in all countries
  - Achievable if we have more organizers willing to organize in their country
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LD4 Wikidata Affinity Group Calendar

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- **Wikidata Affinity Group Call**
  - Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#))
- **Wikidata Working Hour** on Friday, November 26 cancelled due to holiday weekend in U.S.
- **Wikidata Affinity Group Call**
  - Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#))
- **Wikidata Working Hour**
  - Monday, December 6, 2021 at 11:00am PT / 2:00pm ET / 19:00 UTC / 8:00pm CEST ([Time zone converter](#))

- **Wikidata Affinity Group Call**
  - Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#))