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# ART + FEMINISM WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON

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## Synopsis

Our Art + Feminism Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon was an event put on by the class Creating Wikipedia for the Arts where we invited the community into Rod Library to research and write Wikipedia articles on feminist topics in the arts throughout the world. Our goal was to diversify Wikipedia by creating and adding content about women and minorized individuals in the arts so information about them is accessible to and discoverable by anyone in the world.

46

in person attendees

8

virtual attendees

6

class event organizers

### What steps did we take to reach the local community about our event?

We advertised on social media and distributed posters around campus, in the library, and in the community. We also reached out to professors who embedded Wikipedia assignments into their courses.

### How did our project engage the Cedar Valley community?

This project engaged UNI students, faculty, and community members working together for a common purpose. Participants included three UNI classes, student groups, curious editors, and the Waterloo Center for the Arts.

### What steps did we take to reach the Wikipedia community?

We received a grant from the Wikimedia Foundation to fund the event. We invited local Des Moines Wikipedians and advertised through the international Art+Feminism Event page.

### What was the impact of the Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon?

As a result of our work, articles and edits about women and minorities in the arts were added to Wikipedia. Our aim was to close the gender gap and improve diversity on Wikipedia.

### Who participated in the Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon?

Many UNI students, faculty, classes, community members, as well as experienced Wikipedians participated in the event. All skills levels were welcome to come and learn.

### What links were created as a result of the Edit-a-Thon?

Students, faculty, and community members are now a part of the Wikipedia community. They are aware of their ability to edit and contribute to the world's largest free encyclopedia.

36,000 WORDS • 32 ARTICLES CREATED  
54 ARTICLES EDITED • 113,000 VIEWS

