



Wikimedian in Residence

Hours: 21 hours per week

Location: SLiC Office, Glasgow, with regular travel across Scotland

Salary: £25,000 per annum (Pro-rata if part-time)

Term: 11 months part-time (0.6 FT)

Overview

The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLiC) is the independent advisory body to the Scottish Government on library and information services. SLiC offers leadership focus and support to the Scottish library and information sector, coordinating and promoting national service developments to benefit Scotland's people and enrich our cultural, educational and economic landscape.

The Wikimedian in Residence project will be delivered in partnership with Wikimedia UK.

Wikimedia UK believes that open access to knowledge is a fundamental right, and a driver for social and economic development. A registered charity, we work with the Wikimedia Projects such as Wikipedia to enable people and organisations to contribute to a shared understanding of the world through the democratic creation, distribution and consumption of knowledge.

Purpose of the job

The Wikimedian will deliver a training programme to equip public library staff with the skills and confidence to create and edit Wikimedia projects content in order to extend the benefits of Scotland's rich library collections to a global online audience.

The Wikimedian will also support library staff to develop a range of activities to encourage library users and volunteers to create and edit content for Wikipedia and other Wikimedia services. They will also develop a sustainable relationship between Scottish public libraries, Wikimedia UK and the Wikimedia community.

The Wikimedian will be a supporter of, and advocate for, open knowledge.

Job scope and context

The Scottish Library and Information Council carries out work on behalf of its members who include all local authority, higher education, further education organisations, NHS Trust library services, as well as other specialist library and information organisations. The Wikimedian will work to raise awareness of open knowledge and to promote libraries' roles in facilitating access to open knowledge. They will work with SLiC's public library members to deliver training to library staff to enable them to create and edit Wikipedia content using library collections. The Wikimedian will also support libraries in developing a range of activities to engage library users in contributing to Wikimedia projects. The role will involve travel across Scotland.

Key tasks and responsibilities

Specific duties will include:

- Advocate for open knowledge and provide advice on the relevant policies, systems and processes which would allow greater collaboration between public libraries in Scotland, Scottish Government, and Wikimedia UK. Raise awareness of open knowledge in the sector.
- Support communities towards full digital literacy by championing the effective use and improved comprehension of digital information through project activities.
- Design and deliver training for public library staff to enable them to contribute their knowledge and expertise to build open knowledge and improve Wikipedia by adding content to Wikimedia family sites.
- Work with library staff to identify priority areas of Wikipedia and sister projects that could be enriched with resources and knowledge from public library collections.
- Encourage and increase the direct participation of public libraries in the provision of content for Wikimedia projects, and encourage creation (and improvement) of Wikimedia projects relating to public library collections.
- Support public libraries to contribute to the development of open knowledge by organising and hosting Wikimedia related events, such as editathons, meetups and workshops, for members of the public.
- Produce guidelines on contributing to Wikipedia and Wikimedia sites for inclusion on the SLIC Training in New Technologies online training platform.
- Produce ongoing updates and a summary report on the outcomes of the residency.
- Monitor and evaluate training events and meetings and make adjustments to the programme as required.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate the following:

Essential

- Degree in a relevant subject area (Humanities preferred), or equivalent experience
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Experience of delivering training to diverse groups
- Excellent organisational and planning skills
- Strong IT skills and confident in the use of office IT packages
- Excellent time management and ability to work under pressure
- Strong interpersonal skills and experience of working in a small team
- Ability to work on your own initiative
- Awareness of Wikipedia
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Knowledge of current issues and developments in the public library sector in Scotland

Desirable

- Experience of editing Wikipedia and/or contributing to the Wikimedia family of sites
- Awareness of open knowledge and open content
- Experience of working in a library or similar setting

- Experience of supporting digital literacy
- Good understanding of issues related to copyright