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Abstract:
Title: "Wikidata in GLAMs. How and why."

This talk will highlight ways that GLAM's of all sizes can utilize Wikidata to enrich their data, to provide detailed queryable data for their open collections, to publish their Open Data and explore their collections in new ways. Wikidata also allows GLAMs to publish and explore their data in multiple languages. Discover how Wikidata is being used to connect multiple collections across institutions, creating a web of interconnected, linked cultural data. Wales' National Wikimedian will explain how and why the National Library of Wales has committed to supporting Wikidata projects and how Wikidata is enabling them to discover new patterns and connections in their data as they begin to explore the wider impact of these projects using the Europeana Impact Playbook.

Bio:
Jason Evans is the National Wikimedian at the National Library of Wales. For several years Jason worked as a Wikimedian in Residence and has managed several government funded projects to improve content on the Welsh language Wikipedia. He works to advocate for open access within the culture sector by openly sharing library data and demonstrating the benefits to the organisation and the public. He has hosted dozens of Wikipedia 'Edit-a-thon' events and has managed a number of volunteer projects to enrich and reuse open access content.

Jason is a regular contributor to digital heritage conferences with a particular interest in linked open data.