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Abstract:

Title: Structured Data on Wikimedia Commons - Structuring and linking the world's heritage (and more!)

Wikimedia Commons, a sister project of Wikipedia, is a collection of more than 40 million free media files. The project Structured Data on Wikimedia Commons converts information about these files to a structured and machine-readable format, so that they are easier to view, search, edit, organize and re-use, in many languages. Development takes place in 2017-2019 and is funded by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

A significant part of the media files available on (Wikimedia) Commons is related to culture and heritage, and is provided by GLAMs (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums). The community of Wikimedia volunteers also engages in many collaboration (GLAM-Wiki) projects with cultural institutions. Therefore, GLAMs are major stakeholders in the development of Structured Data on Commons.

Wikimedia Commons will be enhanced with structured metadata from Wikidata, the free and multilingual knowledge base, another sister project of Wikipedia. Wikidata, founded in 2012, is quickly becoming a Linked Open Data (LOD) hub, adopted by many small and large-scale re-users around the world, and a partner for an increasing number of GLAMs. Integration of Wikidata in Wikimedia Commons opens many perspectives for making cultural and heritage collections better linked, discoverable and re-usable.

Sandra Fauconnier (GLAM-Wiki strategist at the Wikimedia Foundation) will explain the strategic context, goals and technologies behind Structured Data on Commons and talk about the way in which Commons and Wikidata can help strengthen the work of the culture and heritage field - both individual institutions and aggregators like Europeana.

Bio:

Sandra Fauconnier is an art historian who has specialized in online and video projects in the cultural sector. She has worked on a variety of online archives and collections of smaller and larger cultural institutions, and was project lead for ARTtube, the video platform of museums in the Netherlands and Belgium. Sandra also volunteers on Wikimedia projects (Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons, Wikidata) and she has been a Wikipedian in Residence twice.

She currently works as GLAM-Wiki strategist for the Wikimedia Foundation, around Wikimedia projects and structured data, and their potential for GLAMs (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums).

In the upcoming years, Sandra's focus is on the project Structured Data on Wikimedia Commons, which converts the millions of free media files on Wikimedia Commons to a structured and machine-readable format, so that they become easier to view, search, edit, organize and re-use, in many languages.