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WIKIPEDIA CONFERENCE “WIKICONFERENCE USA”

Friday May 30- Sunday June 1st

First national Wikimedia conference in the United States to be held in New York City.

NEW YORK, —Wikimedia District of Columbia and Wikimedia New York City are excited to invite you to the inaugural [WikiConference USA](http://wikiconferenceusa.org), the first national Wikimedia conference in the United States. The conference will be held on May 30 – June 1, 2014 at [New York Law School](#), located in the Tribeca district of New York City. The conference will focus on the grassroots efforts of the Wikipedia and Wikimedia movement in the United States and related matters of free culture and digital rights.

WikiConference USA will focus on the future of Wikimedia and will include workshops, panels, and presentations on Wikimedia’s outreach to cultural institutions, community building, technology development, and Wikimedia’s role in education. There will also be a dedicated day of “unconference,” where the participants choose the topics to discuss. The keynotes and select workshops and panels will be video recorded and livestreamed for remote participants.

WikiConference USA is made possible by a grant from the Wikimedia Foundation, the organization that operates Wikipedia.

Who Should Attend?

WikiConference USA is open to all participants, regardless of previous level of involvement with Wikipedia or the Wikimedia projects. We welcome the curious, the skeptical, and others wishing to engage in meaningful conversation about the Wikimedia movement in the United States, free culture and digital rights, advocacy and outreach, community building, and technology.

Schedule

We are very excited to announce our [conference schedule](#). The first two days of the conference, Friday May 30th and Saturday the 31st, will include a morning and afternoon keynote, as well four different time-slots filled with workshops, panels, and discussions. The final day of the Conference, Sunday June 1st will be an unconference with opportunities to sign up to host break-out sessions, join in an Edit-a-Thon, take a diversity training, see technology demos and organize your own events.

Get Involved

We're still looking for people to volunteer or contribute to the planning of the conference. If you're interested in volunteering or contributing, email conference director jen baek at jen@wikimedianyc.org.

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