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Ada Lovelace Day 2019
Women in the Sciences
Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

OBJECTIVES
For participants:
- Learn more about what women have done in the sciences and using scholarly resources
- Raise the profile of women in science, technology, engineering and math on campus and worldwide.
- Collaborate with community members, faculty members and student groups.
- Network with others interested in similar topics
- Learn how to edit Wikipedia

PLANNING
- Created Wikipedia dashboard & meetup page and LibGuide with event information and resources
- Advertised to college and K-12 students
- Created handout for day of event
- Made list of women identified professors at Cornell and their Wikipedia pages

RESULTS
- 29 articles edited and 1 created for a total of 78 edits
- Over 3000 words and 48 references added
- 13 editors
- Personal relationships were created with student groups and faculty

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- Encouraging students to add articles of their favorite professors increased engagement
- New ideas for dates, times and place
- Collaborate with student groups when you can

LESSONS LEARNED
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Wikipedia Dashboard:
https://outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org/courses/Cornell_University/Ada_Lovelace_Day_2019

Wood Engraving, Stickers and Buttons of Event Logo made at event

Part of handout given to participants:

Suggested tasks:
- Edit articles for clarity and ensure neutral phrasing
- Add links to related books or publications
- Find and upload public domain images to Wikimedia commons
- Add external information to an article (books, articles, encyclopedia)

Articles to edit:
- Look on the dashboard page under articles for suggestions. Or look up a favorite scientist or professor to see if they have a page that needs updating

Time Suggestions:
- 1 hour or less set up your Wikipedia user page and make some simple edits to existing articles
- Articles include: find a source in your area of expertise to add links and citations to an existing article
- 3 hours add a well-cited paragraph to an article in your area of expertise. Add links to that article in relevant articles.