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Queering Wikimedia

During ALMS Berlin, I had the chance together with other Wikimedians from the user group called Wikimedia LGBT+, to present the work that we do in a daily basis regarding queering the content of Wikipedia in different languages.

Digitizing the content of Wikipedia and documenting the queer activism is one of the main goals of us as thematic group under the umbrella of Wikimedia foundation.

I focused my presentation on the work that I do in a local level, on Albanian Wikipedia. I presented the Wiki LGBT+ project, which aims to raise the number of articles on LGBT+ history in Albanian Wikipedia.

This project was initiated as an urgent need for providing the LGBTI+ community with basic information in local language, starting from the terms of what LGBTI+ stands for.

I think it is important that we as Wikimedians are part of this conference because the work on Wikimedia is perceived most of the time on the individual level, implying that Wikimedians work on writing articles.

But Wikimedia work goes behind that! We are reaching out to different librarians, archivist etc in order to collaborate in digitizing the queer history that has been silent and lacks documentation.

Therefore being in such a conference that gathers individuals engaged with research on queer history and networking with different actors working closely in archiving the queer history is a bright opportunity for us as Wikimedians!

Thank you again ALMS organizers!