

Community Questions

Collected prior to broadcast

Recruiting

"Are there particular skillsets a new Founder or admin should try to recruit for their wiki and in what priority?"

- Template/wikitext expertise
- Portable infobox expertise
 - CSS coding
 - JS/Lua coding
- Art/Graphic design skills and tools
 - Chat/Discussion moderation
- Knowledge of things like manual of style or good wiki policies

New communities grow organically, and there's no one "right" set of personnel to handle things. At the same time, community leaders should not expect to be "jacks of all trades" .

Some communities do, indeed, have a template-oriented editor or a stylist or scriptors. But a community should not be dependent on gimmicks or any one person to maintain regular features. FANDOM offers some excellent Help pages to teach most editors wiki skills and community forums for short term assistance. Fundamentals first, fanciness after.

At minimum, if you use chat or Discussions, you should have someone who can handle moderating them.

Translation

"Are there any official groups dedicated to translation of wikis? My wiki is for a game that is both in the app store as English and Japanese, but I can't find translators."

There is an excellent group of volunteers to be found at the Language Brigade Wiki.

wlb.wikia.com

If you operate an English wiki, it is not required that you **make** wikis in other languages; those communities will organize themselves with enough interest.

Translation is not always the answer; original content reigns supreme.

Politics

"How can 'personal politics' break communities?"

"Is it possible to have a diverse, equal representation of 'voices' in an online community?"

Anything that becomes a disruption to a group can break communities. Unless the community's purpose is to discuss personal politics, when it gets to a harmful level the community's admins may need to step in.

Any community with enough contributors will have diverse voices, and some voices will be louder than others. They should all be fair, but they need not be balanced.