YOU’RE INVITED TO THE 2016 ART+FEMINISM WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THON

In honor of Women's History Month, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is organizing and hosting a workshop and edit-a-thon on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 at Lied Library in the Amargosa Room, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. UNLV's event is the first Art+Feminism event to take place in Nevada! Refreshments will be available.

Art+Feminism is a campaign to improve coverage of women and the arts on Wikipedia and to encourage female editorship. Last year, over 1,500 participants at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and more than 75 node events around the world participated in the second annual Wikipedia edit-a-thon, resulting in the creation of nearly 400 new pages and significant improvements to 500 articles on Wikipedia. Organizers are hoping to double these results in 2016, and this is where you come in! The edit-a-thon is an event where you can use your own particular skills and subject knowledge to help build the world’s most popular online research tool. It's a great way to do your part to help close the gender gap, begin to acquire new skills, and improve this facet of Wikipedia.

Goals

● To encourage inexperienced editors (especially women) and show them how they can contribute to Wikipedia

● To improve a selection of Wikipedia articles related to women artists, critics, dealers, and other women in the visual arts, as well as feminists and feminism

● To increase awareness of the research resources freely available through libraries, archives, and museums

Questions

● Do I need to have any Wikipedia experience to participate? No experience is necessary, and training will be provided along with online access to the resources of Lied Library. Register to attend the event at the Wikipedia Meetup page at http://tinyurl.com/artfemlv16 and in advance of the event register a user account on Wikipedia (instructions are found on the above website).

● Do I need to have extensive knowledge on visual arts? Nope! You will be finding information about the artists through our resources. The important thing is knowing how to choose a good source.

● What do I bring? Bring your laptop and charger to work on; there are desktop computers available if you don’t have one. Also, any preliminary research/notes on a woman in the visual arts without a reliable presence on Wikipedia, or without one at all.
At the Wikipedia Meetup page (see above) you will not only be able to sign up for an account and RSVP, you will also find directions to the venue, templates for new entries, suggested articles needing work, and much more.

You can learn much more about the event at the Art + Feminism Meetup page for resources, such as YouTube Art + Feminism beginner training tutorials under Editor Resources at this address:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/ArtAndFeminism/Resources#Editor_Resources

For help with RSVPing or if you have questions, please contact the following local organizers:

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Thank you,

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