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Wikipedia: the basics

What you need to know to contribute to the world's largest encyclopedia that anyone can edit.



WikiWomen Welcome!



First things first: you can edit



You just have to **BE BOLD.**

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Sheila Macdonald Bird (nee Gore) OBE FRSE, British biostatistician whose assessment of misuse of statistics in the British Medical Journal and BMJ series on 'Statistics in Question' led to statistical guidelines for contributors to medical journals.^[3] Bird's doctoral work on non-proportional hazards in breast cancer found application in transplantation where beneficial matching was the basis for UK's allocation of cadaveric kidneys for a decade. Bird led the MRC Biostatistical Initiative in support of AIDS/HIV studies in Scotland, as part of which Dr A. Graham Bird and she pioneered Willing Anonymous HIV Surveillance (WASH) studies in prisons.^[4] Her work with Cooper on UK dietary BSE exposure revealed that the 1940-69 birth-cohort was the most exposed and implied age-dependency in susceptibility to clinical vCJD progression from dietary BSE exposure since most vCJD cases were younger, born in 1970-89. Bird also designed the European Union's robust surveillance for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in sheep which revolutionized our understanding of scrapie.^[5] Record linkage studies in Scotland were central to Bird's work (with others) on the late sequelae of Hepatitis C virus infection and on the morbidity and mortality of opioid addiction. Her team first quantified the very high risk of drugs-related death in the fortnight after prison-release, in response to which Bird and Hutchinson proposed a prison-based randomized controlled trial of naloxone, the opioid antagonist, for prisoners-on-release who had a history of heroin injection. ^[6] Bird introduced the Royal Statistical seminars for journalists and awards for statistical excellence in journalism. She is the first female statistician to have been awarded three medals by the Royal Statistical Society (Guy bronze, 1989; Austin Bradford Hill, 2000; Chambers, 2010).^[7]

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Born	18/05/1952	
Nationality	British (Scottish)	
Fields	Biostatistics	
nstitutions	Medical Research Council, University of Strathclyde	
Known for	Statistical thinking at the interface of public health and other jurisdictions.	
Notable awards	OBE FRSE, Royal Statistical Society medals (Guy bronze, 1989; Bradford Hill, 2000; Chambers, 2010). ^[1]	

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- Track your contribution history
- Your IP can be tracked without an account by anyone
- You can use the same account on any Wikimedia project

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- You don't have to use your real name
- Don't use a name associated with your organization or company



What do Wikipedians love more than editing Wikipedia?

Making policies on how to edit Wikipedia



Notability

 Subject must receive significant coverage in reliable sources that are independent of the subject, and is presumed to meet criteria for its own stand-alone article or list.





No original research

Wikipedia does not accept: facts, allegations, gossip, ideas, and stories for which no reliable source exists.



Sources

Anything that could be must be backed up by a reliable source.

A reliable source is content from a trusted news source or publisher.

Wikipedia prefers secondary sources. Primary e.g. (oral history, subjects website) are OK if used sparingly.



What NOT to use

- Self published sources
 - e.g. Blogs, patents, newsletters, official websites, message boards, mailing lists
 - Facebook, Twitter,
 Myspace (do people still use that?),
 Tumblr, etc.
 - Self-created materials
 - Press release
 - Academic
 - biography

What TO use

- Trusted news sources
 - New York Times
 - Washington Post
 - Register-Guard
- Academy, peerreviewed, scholarly publications
- Blogs from trusted sources – NYT, Smithsonian, etc.











Conflict of interest

Where advancing outside interests is more important to an editor than advancing the aims of Wikipedia, that editor stands in a conflict of interest.

Examples:

- Writing or editing your institutions Wikipedia article, and doing it in a promotional way.
- Adding external links to your website on Wikipedia pages (aka spam)
- Creating an account called "UniversityofCA" to serve as an institutional group account to make edits.

Editing Tip #1: Be boring



If your subject is interesting enough, your boring Wikipedia article will speak for itself. Don't get flowery – this is an encyclopedia, after all.

Editing Tip #2: Find friends

Find community on Wikipedia through WikiProjects and mailing lists.

- WikiProject Feminism, Women's history, California
- Gender Gap Mailing List: https://lists.wikimedia.org/mailman /listinfo/ gendergap
- WikiWomen's Collaborative
 - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ WikiWomensCollaborative
 - Twitter https://twitter.com/ WikiWomen



Editing Tip #3: WIKIPARTY!!!



21st century sewing bee Have your own parties to edit Wikipedia. Wikipedia is always more fun to edit with wine and chocolates.

Editing Tip #4: Be nice

Troll and annoying bossy Wikipedian repellant: kill them with kindness.



When women don't contribute to Wikipedia....



15%

Yes, it's that bad

How can you provide every human being with the sum of all knowledge when only 15%, of half the population, is sharing on Wikipedia?

When women don't contribute to Wikipedia....

• Wikipedia lacks coverage of subjects that women may have interest in (i.e. fashion, history, literature, women's sport, healthcare, education)

•Biographical coverage about women is severely lacking

• Wikipedia's policies, projects and programs are developed by a male majority

 Discussions about topics such as abortion, pregnancy, and feminism are often dominated by males

WHY?



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to-do list

- Make a Wikipedia account.
- Discover a topic you want to write about, whether a new article or subject already on Wikipedia.
- Start editing!
- Ask questions, raise hands, be patient
- There are no dumb questions
- YOU CAN EDIT!
- #wikiwomen

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