

Wikidocumentaries – a wiki for small history  
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Wikidocumentaries is a concept for a research platform for historians of all kinds: academic and citizen historians alike. The project tackles the challenge by aggregating openly available materials across archives and institutions, provides tools for interpreting the materials, allows gathering peer communities around topics and finally links with open platforms for republishing the results. In this manner historical research has the opportunity to be conducted bottom-up. Furthermore, the participants of the project help memory institutions to crowdsource their content in numerous ways by enriching, curating and linking the materials gathered from institutions.

In addition to reciprocity, another guiding principle is sustainability through contributing to the open content projects as well as development of open platforms. Technically the project is based on a linked data approach, using topics published in Wikidata as the backbone, and enriching Wikidata and other open platforms as the project evolves. The environment will be based on the same technology as Wikidata itself.

The project has been prepared with 30 memory institutions, universities and associations in Finland. It is ready to proceed into piloting.