

**Burnaby Art Gallery to Host an Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
Friday, March 16, 10am-4pm**

BURNABY, BC—The Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) will host an Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon on Friday, March 16, 10am–4pm. This all-day event is designed to improve coverage of gender, feminism and the arts on Wikipedia. The Edit-a-thon will include tutorials for the beginner Wikipedian, ongoing editing support, reference materials, and refreshments.

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Burnaby Art Gallery

RSVP: gallery@burnaby.ca or 604-297-4422
Bring lunch and a laptop
Free, refreshments provided

Every March, since 2014, Art+Feminism Edit-a-thons have taken place across the world at museums, libraries, universities, coffee shops and community centres, helping to improve over 11,000 articles. This global project is based out of The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, with events at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA); Tate, London; Banff Center for the Arts; MAXXI, Rome; Archives nationales de France, Paris; Smithsonian American; and hundreds of others. Over 7000 people at more than 500 events around the world have participated.

In a 2011 survey, the Wikimedia Foundation found that less than 10% of its contributors identify as women. This lack of inclusive participation has led to an alarming gap of content in the world's most popular online research tool. Art+Feminism's Edit-a-thons and other initiatives make an impact on the gender gap through crucial improvements to gender, feminism and art-related subjects on Wikipedia.

“Becoming a Wikipedia editor has been an empowering experience. I love the idea that we are writing ourselves into history through events like this one,” says Jennifer Cane, Assistant Curator at the BAG.

The day's events will focus on artists from the Burnaby Art Gallery's Permanent Art Collection and the gallery's artist files. People with a background and/or strength in art history and research are encouraged to attend, and people of all gender identities and expressions are invited to participate, particularly transgender and cisgender women. The event is free, but space is limited; we ask that participants RSVP to reserve a spot, and bring their own laptop to the event.

To RSVP, please email gallery@burnaby.ca or call 604-297-4422.

For more information on Art+Feminism Edit-a-thons, please visit: www.artandfeminism.org.
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High-resolution images are available upon request.

ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

Since 1967, the Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) has been dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art program by local, national and internationally recognized artists. The BAG acts as a leader in the collection, preservation and exhibition of artists who choose to work on paper—the only public art museum in Canada dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising Canadian artists. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,500 works of art in the City of Burnaby's Permanent Art Collection.

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