

7 March
Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie in Paris
3rd Day of
« Women of Science on Wikipedia »

On the eve of **International Women's Day**, more than thirty people gathered at Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie in Paris to try to **bring the great women of science out of the shadows**.

The **3^d event** of this type organized by the L'Oréal Foundation, Universcience and Wikimedia France, the goal of this day of solidarity is to improve and create articles on women who contributed to scientific progress throughout history for the most important collaborative encyclopaedia in the world.

Aided by Wikimedia France volunteers, women of all ages and backgrounds participated in this fun effort: historians, scientists, students, employees from French companies (several from L'Oréal), a renowned philosopher, several bloggers and Claudie Haigneré, an astronaut, former Minister and President of Universcience.

Wikipedia is a collaborative encyclopaedia with **87% of its content provided by users**. For the L'Oréal Foundation, encouraging women to contribute to this online encyclopaedia and doing right by scientists "that history forgot" is critical since this is one of the most visited sites in the world, particularly by young people.

Next meeting organized by L'Oréal Spain: Madrid, 17 April.



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