A starting point for open knowledge

Learn how your local knowledge can contribute to a wider conversation.

01 Begin with a topic you care about

Think about a place, cultural subject or area of knowledge you would like to understand better. Read what is already available.

02 Collect reliable published sources

Keep track of where information comes from. A source should help other people verify a claim. Personal knowledge and published evidence play different roles.

03 Learn the community's guidance

Before contributing to a shared platform, read its help pages and community policies. Start with a small contribution and ask for feedback.

04 Respect people and permissions

Ask permission before recording someone's story or sharing their photograph. Be careful with personal information and cultural knowledge that should not be made public.

05 Learn with others

Our Wikipedia and Free Knowledge Programme welcomes teachers, students and contributors interested in taking the next step.

Keep learning. Explore our programmes and resource library, or get in touch with the Innovate Learn Africa team.