

Cultural Diversity in the Wiki-inventory of Living Heritage

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Bottom-up safeguarding with the Wiki-inventory for Living Heritage

- Opened in 2016 with 20 examples
- Now: **280 examples from over 480 communities** around the country
- Wiki works in Finnish, Swedish, English – articles in seven languages
- 1-10 page texts, gateway to other information
- Map: regions and municipalities
- MediaWiki – open continuously for new elements
- Communities produce and are responsible for the content, the Agency moderating
- 100 000 visits from 150 countries in 2025
- Call for the **National Inventory** every three years – 86 elements at present (two more questions, peer review, decision by the Ministry)

Emphasizing cultural diversity: Ambassadors of Living Heritage

- Project by the Finnish Heritage Agency in 2022-23 in partnership with **Arts Promotion Centre and NGOs Culture for All Service and Globe Art Point.**
- Aim: to raise awareness on living heritage among new communities.
- **Six Ambassadors** of Living Heritage were selected through an open call. They were trained to organize their own **workshops.** A fee was paid to them.
- Concrete result: new articles in the Wiki-inventory of Living Heritage



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New elements in the inventory

- **Día de Muertos mexicano en Finlandia**
- **Celebrating “el Dieciocho” the Independence Day of Chile in Finland**
- Challah bread in the Jewish culture
- Iranian Classical Music in Finland
- The Latvian tradition of colouring Easter eggs
- Indian Durga Puja in Finland
- Celebrating Hanami in Finland



Co-create!

- Co-design the project with communities, NGOs, and partners from the start
- Build strong partnerships and trust
- Work with communities, not for them: use workshops and dialogue
- Ensure diversity: recruit participants from different cultural backgrounds
- Use accessible tools: e.g. an open wiki-inventory
- Support multilingualism: enable participation in various languages
- Focus on impact: updating heritage content promotes inclusion and anti-racism



Link to the project report in the chat!
Kiitos! Thank you!



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