Starting point:

Wikipedia is the most important channel for the public communication of science (7th most visited website)

When seeking for scientific information most citizens turn to the Internet…and then to Wikipedia

About 15 % of articles in Wikipedia are about Science & Technology issues
Turning university students into Wikipedia editors?

University students do a lot of assignments and essays that are only read by their lecturers.

Why not editing Wikipedia instead?
Lots of learning benefits
Useful for society at large!!!

Assignments involving students as editors in Wikipedia
Improving existing articles or creating new ones

A Best Practice Guide for helping faculty members to design teaching activities using Wikipedia (Catalan/Spanish/English)
http://hdl.handle.net/10609/38241
Wikipedia as citizen science?

• Content provided mainly by non-expert citizens (and high-quality!)
• Engaging citizens in large number in S&T issues
• A form of citizen science developed an enacted by citizens themselves
• Against the deficit model (people don’t really know) in PUS
• State of the Art: important part of research (access to primary sources)