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Our Story

"Our Vision is to make IIC an inspirational, relevant, distinctive and dynamic organisation."
Sarah Staniforth, President Emeritus

As an independent international professional society IIC is uniquely positioned in the world. We believe conservation is of great value, by looking after our cultural heritage and our own and others' cultural identity we are helping to improve the richness and quality of life for everyone.

IIC was founded in 1950 by a group of men and women who witnessed dramatic events during WW2. A number of them were part of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives programme and they were involved in saving internationally important historic and artistic works from being lost forever, they became known as the Monuments Men.

Today we have a strong global network of distinguished Fellows, members and Institutions representing more than 70 countries. We have close relationships with thousands of Conservators and heritage professionals internationally.

IIC has over 7,000 engaged supporters and 40,000 social media contacts globally. We have long-established partnerships with leading museums, universities and heritage bodies all around the world.

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