



## Ordinary Member of Council – role and scope of work

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IIC's core objectives are to advance knowledge, and to continually improve professional practice and standards, enhancing the preservation and conservation of historic and artistic works. We do this by:

- Promoting the study of conservation practice, through understanding the properties of cultural heritage artefacts, and the materials used in the treatment of those objects.
- Deepening an understanding of the causes of deterioration in cultural artefacts and how their condition can be improved.
- Encouraging education, study and research in the field of conservation and related branches of heritage science.

Council Members must ensure that IIC is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit which requires a conscious examination of how any activity of IIC is intended to further or support its purposes and whether it does so for the benefit of the public or a sufficient section thereof.

Council Members must manage IIC's resources responsibly, ensuring that IIC's assets are used only to support or further its purposes and that IIC is not over-committed.

Council Members should respect the contribution of staff and volunteers by acknowledging the impact of their engagement on the ability of staff and volunteers to complete their responsibilities. Aim to support volunteers and employees in carrying out their duties and always, in terms of their conduct, serve as an example of how everyone in the charity should conduct themselves to reflect the values of IIC. Work considerately and fairly with everyone in a way that respects diversity, different roles and boundaries and avoids giving offence.

Council Members should ensure that IIC is accountable to Members and to ensuring that any person or committee to whom Council has delegated powers is properly accountable to Council.

The obligations of charity trustees are set out in further detail in guidance from the Charities Commission this document which all Council Members are expected to have read <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do#about-this-guidance>

### Qualities and Skills Required

- Excellent leadership skills
- Well respected by their peers, in the profession, has skills that will be recognised by conservators and have an established or growing reputation in their region or discipline
- Ability to work with committee, Council members and wider membership and conservation community to support the work of IIC

- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, ability to speak multiple languages would be welcome.
- Commitment to delivering on IIC's sustainability, access, and inclusion agenda.

**Time Commitment:** Able to make an initial 3-year commitment on Council and to be prepared for a further 3-year term, subject to successful performance and re-election. Attendance at 3 x Council meetings, the Annual General Meetings and any Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) where online participation is possible.