

IIC Call for Case Studies

Conservation Beyond Plastics: Understanding and Eliminating Plastic Waste

Plastic has infiltrated the web of life. We eat from it, drink from it and even wear it. For many Conservators plastic has an incredible array of useful applications – from providing a lightweight and versatile packaging material for the transportation of art works to being worn as PPE gear in conservation labs.

IIC in collaboration with Julie's Bicycle and Sustainability in Conservation, as part of the [#TogetherWeMakeTheFuture](#) community challenge, will be holding a webinar "Conservation Beyond Plastics: Understanding and Eliminating Plastic Waste" in early October 2020.

We are looking for a range of inspiring case studies, projects or initiatives involving plastics: reduction, reuse, repurposing, alternatives or recycling plastics within cultural heritage conservation to feature in this webinar. This is an opportunity for you to showcase your work and contribute to the international discussion on plastics in our sector.

Projects or research completed before 2015 are welcome if the level of innovation and/or shared learning is felt to be particularly strong. Case studies could demonstrate the development of good practice; highlight challenges; demonstrate situations in which ethical practice is required; indicate level of international guidance needed; or present unresolved questions to consider.

We welcome case studies from any stakeholder perspective, including conservators, scientist, policy-makers and researchers.

It is anticipated that 3 or 4 case studies will be selected, with Caitlin Southwick from *Sustainability in Conservation* providing commentary to the selected case studies during the webinar. Selected authors will be invited to participate in the webinar and support a 10-15-minute Q&A session where webinar participants will be able to ask questions. The Q&A session will be moderated by the team at *Julies Bicycle*.

Submission Details:

Case studies should be **2 pages** maximum (in Word or pdf format) and contain the following sections:

- Brief description of the project or research including relevant stakeholders, purpose and outcomes
- Background, including relevant facts
- Country/community/organisation and incentive/motivation for the project/research
- Opportunities and issues – including obstacles and solutions
- Commentary on the opportunities and issues, conclusions and/or recommendations for discussion or future research

Please submit your case study to the IIC Office via email: iic@iiconservation.org

Deadline for Submissions: 30 September 2020.