

Call for Articles Newsletter no. 37. The deadline for this is **April 31, 2021**.

The changes in the museum field have taken a fast turn since the pandemic paralysed daily life worldwide and with that also our professional lives. What a museum is and should be is more than ever an item of debate. In this we see that a strong sense of social justice and human rights are part of these discussions.

At COMCOL we have been organizing a variety of talks and meetups in the past months around how the contemporary moment asks for rethinking certain practices. By addressing topics including decolonization, restitution, the ethics of collecting the pandemic and deaccessioning, we try to investigate how we can reframe collecting. One of the core concepts we try to connect to in our conversations is the concept of care. Care for collecting and collections; how can we transform our processes to be more caring for both the objects as for the people they belong to. And collecting as an act of care; where the inclusiveness of practice is central.

We would like to invite articles and case studies of our members that investigate how they can rethink their collecting and/or collection approach.

You can consider topics like; how the pandemic has changed your way of working? Have you initiated new collecting programs with communities? Started to work with indigenous conservation? Created new ways of community collecting?

You can email your proposals, case studies and articles to: erin.casswell@gmail.com