

## **Call for Papers newsletter no. 38**

### **Deadline November 30th**

The COMCOL Newsletter is published two (2) times a year and distributed to COMCOL members. We welcome contributions with reflections, conference/seminar reports, project presentations, specific questions you wish to raise, literature tips, invitations to cooperation, or other themes.

### **Special Topic: Ethical Collecting During The Pandemic**

To align with our 2021 ICOM Solidarity Programme initiative, 'Ethical Collecting during the Pandemic: a shared space for museum professionals', we welcome in particular contributions on this theme.

The global crisis caused by the arrival of COVID-19 has not only forced us to rethink our daily lives and the way we work, but also the systems under which our societies have functioned. Museums and other collecting organisations around the world (eg. archives) have been confronted with several challenges pushing them to re-examine and change the ways they work: including closures, redundancies, new ways of working. However, right from the beginning of the global crisis, institutions have worked on contemporary collecting. This has entailed its own challenges, and even those institutions with previous collecting experience have faced new dilemmas (eg. transparency of goals, collecting controversial materials, rights and permissions, minimisation of harm towards marginalised/impacted groups, environmental sustainability).

Through this project, and by continuing the conversation in our members newsletter, COMCOL aims to develop an international dialogue regarding collecting during the pandemic and concurrent crises, as well as the ethical decisions required.

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter please send an e-mail to one of the editors [Erin Caswell](#), [Catherine Marshall](#), [Floencia Croizet](#) and [Els Veraverbeke](#). For full-length academic essays, please contact [Erin Caswell](#) first to confirm details including style guide.