

## AHRC Infrastructure Town Hall Events: Community Consultation on Programmes in Heritage Science & Conservation

### Event Summary

The UK's world-leading status in research and innovation is in large part founded upon its network of internationally competitive, high-quality and accessible research and innovation infrastructure. AHRC's IROs, university collections and the wider GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) sector are major centres of inter and multidisciplinary research, with vast holdings ranging from herbaria and fossils to portrait miniatures and historic sites and monuments. These are the arts and humanities' equivalent to UKRI's large multidisciplinary research and innovation infrastructures located at Harwell and elsewhere. They contribute significantly to the economy, generating c.£30bn GVA per annum through tourism alone and supporting over 400,000 jobs.

UKRI Infrastructure's [Opportunities to grow our capability](#), has set out strategic vision for future investment in research and innovation infrastructure. It identified that critical to the heritage sector's continued success is: (a) investment in conservation and heritage science facilities; and, (b) physical spaces bringing practitioners, curators and scientists together. It is the aim of AHRC's Infrastructure team to engage with the heritage science and conservation communities to consult on the Council's lead in a cross-Council effort to establish a national institute and research programme.

We would like to invite colleagues in ROs and IROs, including university collections, and the wider GLAM sector to attend one of two virtual town hall events:

**Wednesday 25 November 2020 - 1330-1500**

**Thursday 3 December 2020 - 1330-1500**

Prior to the event, an agenda and information pack will be circulated. Questions can be submitted up until the day before the event. Outputs of the webinar will be made available to participants shortly thereafter.

### Contacts

To attend, please register by emailing [infrastructure@ahrc.ukri.org](mailto:infrastructure@ahrc.ukri.org) stating your preferred event date, name, full job title and institutional affiliation by **close of play on Friday November 20**, inserting 'Infrastructure Town Hall Events' in the subject line. Questions may be submitted via the above email in advance of the event until **1600 GMT the day before**.