

The Power of Museums
demands reflections on pressing ethical challenges

Call for short text- or video messages

The ICOM International Committee on Ethical Dilemmas (IC Ethics) is an open forum on practical challenges regarding ethical dilemmas in the museum profession. IC Ethics is a space where museum professionals can reflect, share and discuss ethical dilemmas, helping them to make more informed choices.

After two years of travel restrictions due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to meeting museum colleagues from all over the world again. We have decided to dedicate **our Off-Site meeting at Museum Kampa, Werich Villa, on 25 August 2022** to connect and reflect in-depth together.

Inspired by the Werich Villa, a building that is truly enshrouded in a mysterious history and presents knowledge about important personalities who really understood how to use words, we want to discuss face-to-face some of the essential ethical challenges of our time. The conversations will be transcribed afterwards and made available for other ICOM members in the form of small articles, summing up common reflections.

The discussions will take their starting point in the topics and challenges our members and other colleagues experience in their everyday life or find most relevant for today's museums. Some of the relevant topics to discuss are: how to react to ongoing wars, illicit trafficking of artifacts, restitution and repatriation of colonial or holy artifacts, political interference in the work of museums or museum professionals, our role as active contributors in situations of crisis, or topics related to (a lack of) diversity, equality and inclusion in museums.

We hereby invite you to send us a short email or video message with the challenge you would like to discuss at Werich Villa. Even if you can not be present, we encourage you to send your experiences and challenges to contribute to the reflection of the group.

Make it simple!

Explain the context and challenge in general terms, and send your ethical challenges or reflections in an email or short video message to icom@ic-ethics.museum by **31 July 2022**.

All contributions are welcomed and will be discussed!