

What to consider when taking an inclusive
and bottom up approach to national
inventorying

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A UK Wide Participatory Approach to Implementation

- Inclusive, respectful and representative
- Emphasis on engaging communities with the process of inventorying
- Bottom up – communities applying to be on the inventory and writing their own entries
- Ethical rather than prescriptive
- With this approach comes the responsibility of gaining community consent and what does that look like?
- Free Prior Informed and sustained consent

Community Consent

- Two Facilitators drawing on UNESCO capacity building resources
- A test workshop to stakeholders
- A recorded presentation on the website <https://livingheritage.unesco.org.uk/>
- A series of online workshops open to all with a presentation followed by breakout rooms to discuss a fictitious scenario
- More workshops were added due to demand

What is this all about?

What are the inventories?

Why should we submit an element to the inventories?

What do we need to do / know before we submit?

Community consent

Duplication

Criteria

Code of ethics

What support is available to me?

How do we submit?

What happens next?

Community consent

Living heritage should be recognised as such by the communities, groups or individuals that create, maintain and transmit it. It is therefore important that the element is being put forward by or on behalf of the community of practice and that the community has given its free, prior and informed consent for the living heritage to be submitted.

The 'community' can be a geographic community (e.g. a village, town, area), or a community defined by shared interest (e.g. characteristic / identity / diaspora, etc). 'Free, prior and informed consent' means that the community is consulted on the decision to submit (and on the information in the submission form) and that that consent is reached through consensus or majority via the customary decision-making processes of the community.

Getting Community Consent is an area we're providing additional support on. We're asking everyone who intends to submit an element to watch the first part of the workshop.

[View workshop dates and more information](#)

Related Frequently Asked Questions

- [What is community consent?](#)
- [Why does getting consent matter?](#)
- [What does 'free, prior and informed consent' mean?](#)
- [How do I gather community consent? / What do we need to include to demonstrate consent?](#)
- [What if there isn't consensus for consent?](#)
- [What if the community is too broad? / How do I get consent for really broadly practiced ICH, whose role is it to submit it?](#)
- [What is a community?](#)
- [What if the community includes those in another country?](#)