

# Making the Most of Your Membership

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**We hope you can explore the different ways you can connect with other members, join discussions and stay abreast of the latest news in the sector.**

**Whatever your career stage, here's six ideas to get you started (and they are all FREE as part of your membership):**

1. Catch up with all the incredible [News in Conservation](#) articles, including the **Congress posters** from 'Conservation and Change: Leadership, Adaptation and Response', in this [special issue](#) with bonus *NiC* content for members in the IIC Community reading room.
2. Expand your knowledge and continue your professional development by signing up for one of [IIC's free webinars](#) and remember members will have their online place automatically reserved for this year's **IIC Lima congress, "Sustainable Solutions for Conservation: New Strategies for New Times"**, or you can register from 18th January with [discounted in-person attendance](#).
3. Develop your potential and increase your confidence to influence and manage change as part of IIC's [International Leadership Mentoring Programme](#).
4. Catalyse your ideas and apply for seed funding through the [Opportunities Fund](#). The next round opens in February.
5. Expand your networks, skills and experience by **volunteering** as a committee member, mentor or sign up as a digital engagement volunteer for one of our events or conferences - please get in touch [iic@iiconservation.org](mailto:iic@iiconservation.org) to find out more.
6. [Nominate a Fellow](#) or recommend a colleague [join IIC as a member](#) to benefit from the new ['Pathway to Fellowship'](#) initiative and contribute to the future of the profession.

So more than ever this year, we would love you to make the most of IIC - and in doing so, help us extend our reach and impact internationally to the benefit of all.