

# 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.