Local Contexts Notices



The Local Contexts Notices are specific tools for institutions and independent researchers to engage and disclose Indigenous interests in collections, information, and data.

Notices work to activate researcher and institutional responsibility to identify potential Indigenous rights and interests in the data and collections they hold. The disclosure Notices may eventually be replaced with a Label applied by an Indigenous community.

How can I use the Notices?

Notices can be applied to a variety of contexts. For example, a Notice might be applied to a website, a university syllabus, a dissertation, a research publication, a dataset, a museum exhibition, an item in a collection, a library database, a photography collection, and metadata about a record.

Institutions and researchers interested in using Notices can register for the Local Contexts Hub (www.localcontextshub.org), a web portal for the application of Notices as well as Indigenous communities' Labels. Once registered, you can create a Project and apply Notices that can then be downloaded, exported, and shared with Indigenous communities.

The title, icon, and text of the Notices are not to be changed or customized. More information about how to apply the Notices can be found on our website and the Hub.

Are there any examples of Notices in use?

There is a growing number of Notices in use around the world and in various settings. Visit the Local Contexts website for links to these and additional examples.

- Abbe Museum Collections Database, Bar Harbor, Maine, United States
- Genomic Observatories MetaDatabase (GEOME), www.genome-db.org
- Karen Jamieson Dance, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Local Indicators of Climate Change Impacts (LICCI), www.licci.eu
- New York State Museum Native American Ethnography Collection, Albany, New York, United States
- Simon Fraser University Library Northwest Coast Image Archive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- University of Tasmania Library and Cultural Collections, Hobart, Australia

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What Notices are available?

There are four Notices: Open to Collaborate, Traditional Knowledge (TK), Biocultural (BC), and Attribution Incomplete.

Engagement Notices



Open to Collaborate Notice: The Open to Collaborate Notice indicates that an institution is committed to developing new modes of collaboration, engagement, and partnership over Indigenous collections and data that have colonial and/or problematic histories or unclear provenance.

Disclosure Notices

These Notices are used to disclose, or identify, Indigenous interests and rights:



Traditional Knowledge (TK) Notice: The TK Notice is a visible digital identifier that recognizes that there could be accompanying cultural rights, protocols, and responsibilities that need further attention for future sharing and use of this material.



Biocultural (BC) Notice: The BC Notice is a visible digital identifier that recognizes the rights of Indigenous peoples to define the use of information, collections, data, and digital sequence information generated from the biodiversity and genetic resources associated with their traditional lands, waters, and territories.



Attribution Incomplete Notice: The Attribution Incomplete Notice is attached to a record that is incomplete, inaccurate, or missing attribution to indicate to the public that the record and/or metadata is incomplete.

Where can I find more information?

For resources and contact information: www.localcontexts.org For the latest updates, follow: @LocalContexts (Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn) and @LocalContextsOrg (Facebook) Join the ENRICH working groups: www.enrich-hub.org