

Advocacy Committee 2020 report

A IAML Twitter chat Advocating for Space and Staff took place on 26 September 2019. Since take-up has been low on the chat the Advocacy Committee has decided to explore other ways of reaching out through social media. Discussions with the web team about possible ways forward have taken place during 2020.

Work on position statements was completed with the statement on public libraries.

Between April and July 2020 the Advocacy Committee met online to discuss initiatives in the context of the pandemic. Together with the Outreach Committee a survey on the impact of COVID-19 during was launched, with final responses and a report being published in May on the Advocacy Committee webpages. The survey results were presented during the EMC Lounge on COVID surveys and during the IAML 2020 online sessions.

The Advocacy Committee has captured information on responses, actions and impact of the pandemic during the first six months.

The Committee has responded to individual requests for support and advice.