



**Australian Society for the Study of Labour History (ASSLH)
18th Biennial Conference
23-25 November 2023
Research School of Social Sciences Building (Building #146,
Ellery Crescent), ANU, Canberra**

(Re)Sources: Historical Inquiry and Labour History Archives

Call for Papers

Archives and collections provide individuals and communities, authors and historians, and unions and universities the opportunity to reflect on their pasts, recover lost voices, contextualise established ones, and check the facts.

The ASSLH (ACT) invites historians, activists and professionals in the GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) sector to present papers on sources and archives, how they use them, the challenges they face, and the possibilities they see. Papers that reflect the presenter's experience and practice with particular archives are welcome, as are papers on their discipline as a whole.

The conference theme '(Re)Sources: Historical Inquiry and Labour History Archives' offers scope for papers on a range of subjects. Presenters may consider reflections on:

- Competing voices in the archives
- Activist archives
- Resourcing, technology, and access to archives
- Collecting the Contemporary: benefits and limitations of digital archives
- The built and living environment and their part in labour history
- Union and business archives
- Small organisations and community record keeping
- Historical collections and emerging trends in inquiry
- The odds, ends, and ephemerals of Labour History
- Exploring the past through communities, collections, exhibitions, and local stories

Abstracts of approximately 150-200 words plus a short biography should be submitted by 31 May 2023 via <https://www.labourhistory.org.au/asslh-2023-conference/cfp-resources-historical-inquiry-and-labour-history-archives/> Send all enquiries to Dr Chris Monnox via asslh@labourhistorycanberra.org