That Other List: Exploring "Good Safeguarding Practices" and Other, Good Ideas

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As UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage turns twenty, the article focuses on its primary aim of safeguarding people's living cultural traditions, practices, and expressions at the local level. Safeguarding measures are promoted throughout the Convention and related texts, but it is arguably the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices through which actual approaches are presented as being put to the test. The article uses the Register as a launchpad for examining community-based approaches to safeguarding ICH, and distilling "good" considerations for building ethical and equitable collaborations – from the first steps of initiatives to over the long term.

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