

# Copyright Guarantees Freedom Of Expression

Writing, publishing, working as a bookseller, reading books; are all founded on freedom of expression

Freedom of expression does not mean copying the works of others - it does not mean plagiarism.

Freedom of expression means being free to write, free to publish, free to be a bookseller, free to choose what to say and what to read.

This freedom is guaranteed by copyright.

Some are challenging copyright for being outdated and intend to turn this fundamental right into an empty shell.

However, we do not regard it as progress to return to a time when authors and artists depended upon the whim of those in power for a living.

Modernity is to be able to make a living from one's work, to be free to choose how those works are distributed, to be independent of those who are in power today.

Copyright remains founded in a fundamental right, a human right.

Together, as together, as authors, translators, publishers, booksellers, readers, we ask our MEPs to support copyright, the unique legislation that guarantees our freedoms, that fosters our cultural diversity.

We invite musicians, actors, artists, film directors, producers, and all those who want to continue to be able to read, listen, watch original works in the future, to join our appeal.

# #copyrightforfreedom