

Library and Information Association of New Zealand
Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa

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## LIANZA statement on current situation in Ukraine

LIANZA (The Library and Information Association of New Zealand) Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa wish to voice our support for our professional colleagues and the people of Ukraine during the current military action in their country.

These actions pose a grave threat to the safety of the Ukrainian people, their heritage and identity. Libraries are important repositories of knowledge, culture, and heritage, essential to the identity of the Ukrainian people. They provide an important role in enabling literacy and accessing information while supporting their communities.

LIANZA support the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) statement on Ukraine, calling on libraries over the world to spread accurate information to support democracy and freedom of expression.

https://www.ifla.org/news/ifla-statement-on-ukraine/

We encourage political leaders and the international community to work together to restore peace and security for Ukraine and support the Blue Shield statement on the crisis.

Statement by the Blue Shield on the situation in Ukraine - Blue Shield International