



# Endorsement of the IFLA code of ethics statement

## ALIA Constitution Objects addressed:

- To promote the free flow of information and ideas in the interest of all Australians and a thriving culture, economy, environment and democracy;
- To promote and improve the services provided by all kinds of library and information agencies;
- To ensure the high standard of personnel engaged in information provision and foster their professional interests and aspirations;
- To encourage people to contribute to the improvement of library and information services through support and membership of the Association; and
- To endorse the principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 19 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in response to the many challenges faced by the world today and into the future.

## Principle

People engaged in library and information services are members of a profession committed to act with integrity, ethics, trust, expertise and the promotion of public good.

## Statement

The Australian Library and Information Association endorses the IFLA Code of Ethics for Librarians and other Information Workers adopted at the IFLA congress in Helsinki August 2012.

The Code is presented in two versions: a long, comprehensive version, and a shorter version for quick reference.

- [Code of Ethics](#) (long version)
- [Code of Ethics](#) (short version)

**Link**

The IFLA Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression has collected nearly 40 codes of ethics for librarians from around the world. They can be accessed here: "[Professional Codes of Ethics for Librarians](#)".

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