

# Declaration on the Right to Read

**Same book, same time, same price**



## **The facts:**

- Three million people in the UK with sight problems and dyslexia cannot read standard print.
- A massive 96 percent of books are never made available in large print, audio or braille.
- Every day millions of adults and children are denied vital information for education, work, daily life as well as being denied the job of reading a world of books.

## **We believe that:**

- Everyone, regardless of disability, has the right to read. Being blind, partially sighted, having dyslexia or another print-reading disability should not be a barrier to reading.
- The Government must take responsibility, commit substantial funds and act now to end the book famine faced by three million people in the UK.

We congratulate and thank the publishers, authors and booksellers who have taken the lead in expanding the number of books in large print, audio and braille over the last few years. We ask that others join them so that together we can make the Right to Read a reality.

**All we ask is that every one of us should have the Right to Read the same book, at the same time, at the same price.**

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## **The Right to Read Alliance includes:**

Blind Centre for Northern Ireland, British Dyslexia Association, Calibre Audio Library, Clearvision, COTIS, Listening Books, LOOK (The National Federation of Families with Visually Impaired Children), National Association of Local Societies for Visually Impaired People, National Blind Children's Society, National Federation of the Blind, National League of the Blind and Disabled, The National Library for the Blind, RNIB, Scottish Braille Press, Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind, Share the Vision, Talking Newspaper Association of the UK, Torch Trust for the Blind, United Kingdom Association of Braille Producers, The Accessible Friends Network

