

Response from Global Youth & News Media

In addition to the joint suggestion, which I have repeated below, we would strongly suggest you distinguish in text between NEWS media (journalism) and SOCIAL media whenever possible.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposals in this section? Please explain your reasons and provide any relevant supporting evidence.

We have no quibble with your proposals but think you need something more. You might want to consider adding the need to teach citizens that journalism is necessary to the functioning of democracy and that some who do that job face very serious threats as core elements of media literacy instruction.

We and 39 other scholars, NGOs and others have joined to support language to that effect for media literacy guidelines in EU-member countries. That language certainly also applies to media literacy in the UK.

Here are the details:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17kLdiI3gGuM8iTYw0eDLhE0nRqKHEQHdHGcP1x1d-8M/edit?usp=sharing>