

Combating disinformation – the war in Ukraine

Librarians and information professionals can play an important role in helping to stem the tide of disinformation relating to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Read the full article via:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/ukraine>

STOP

Consider bias

Consider how your own biases may affect how you engage with media about the invasion.

Be sceptical

Be sceptical about everything you see and read, whatever the source.

How do I feel?

Does the content or media seem designed to elicit an emotional reaction, to prompt you to click or read more?

Who benefits?

If the content or media seems designed to support a particular point of view, whose interests does this serve?

VERIFY

Use trusted sources

Always make sure you are getting your information from a reputable and trusted source, ideally one that is transparent about its point-of-view.

Get the whole story

Always take time to read the whole story and then go and find supporting evidence from other sources.

Spot fake media

A lot of social media content, including video and images have been shown to be fake. Visit <http://www.fullfact.org> for more

SHARE

Be a source

Develop information resources, collections and materials which help your users to access trusted and up-to-date information.

Call it out

Where you encounter fake news or disinformation relating to the conflict, correct it, providing a link to supporting evidence.

Educate your users

You are ideally-placed to help your users develop their media and information literacy - see <https://www.mila.org.uk> for more