

## National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

The policy should focus on reading initiatives. I think reading is one of the most important programmes that should be supported to progress our society. The support of reading programmes, and allowing greater access to reading is essential. The rates of reading generally, but especially among men, is alarming. I propose that institutions such as libraries, independent bookshops, and book clubs be increased. The work that organisation such as Tough Guy Book Club are doing, not only to increase reading among men, but also to cure the loneliness epidemic, is amazing and deserves government support financially to continue the great work already achieved. Reading programmes in prisons and schools are just a small part that they play in making the world a better place!

More reading, and more talking leads to more friends and improves the lives of all in the community.