

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

G102 Theme 4 - Communication and Social Interaction

CITIZEN JOURNALIST

An amateur journalist who publishes online by using a blog, community web site or social networking media

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Freedoms that are guaranteed to people to protect them from an over-powerful government.

CONNOTATION

The suggestions or ideas associated with an image or word, which are not explicitly included in its details or meaning.

CROPPING

The technique of cutting out parts of an image which are irrelevant and do not contribute to its desired effect, or which do not suit the intentions of the person manipulating it.

CYBERBULLYING

The use of cell phones, instant messaging, e-mail, chat rooms or social networking sites to harass, threaten, intimidate or distress someone.

D NOTICE

An official notice sent to newspapers and broadcasters preventing the publication or broadcasting of certain information

DEFAMATION

The act of making a deliberate and false statement, in writing or speech, which damages the reputation of a person

DENOTATION

The details which can be seen in image, or specific meaning of a word.

MEDIA (PLURAL OF MEDIUM)

Any method of communicating with large numbers of other people, such as books, radio, magazines, books, internet, television etc.

MODERATED FORUM

An online forum for discussion in which all posted material is pre-approved by a moderator before being published

NON-HARM PRINCIPLE

The principle associated with John Stuart Mill that the government's only reason to intervene in the lives of its citizens is to prevent them from harming each other.

OBSCENITY

Something which may corrupt the public morals by its indecency or lewdness.

PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE

If an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or to the environment, in the absence of scientific consensus that the action or policy is harmful, the burden of proof that it is not harmful falls on those taking the action.

SOCIAL INTERACTION

The reciprocal interaction between two or more persons.

SUPERINJUNCTION

A form of gagging order issued by a court designed to prevent disclosure of information in which no-one including the press is allowed to report on its details or even its existence.

SURVEILLANCE

The close observation of someone, often in order to catch them in wrongdoing.

VARIABLE

Any entity that can take on different values depending on context, circumstance or other factors.