

## what are your rights?

The internet enables us to share information easily.  
This is a GOOD THING. People all over the world use it to access information and other people. We create and contribute.  
We choose and compare information from a wide range of sources.  
We participate, interact, share, critique and discuss.  
We need freedom AND shared culture AND dialogue AND good business.  
Exchanging everyone's right to participate for control by a few people is not an option.  
It's even a bad economic idea as it restricts most of us from innovating.  
Laws should support sharing and collaboration and participation.  
New business models need to be developed to work in a world where we can share easily. This is also a GOOD THING.  
Describing sharing as piracy ignores the fact that public domain, creative commons, copyleft, GPL projects and ideas are meant to be shared,  
It also assumes we can only 'consume'. .

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## freedom to participate

Free culture and Free/Libre software people invent, create and share.  
We make things which add to our collective wealth as an international community as well as building technologies, resources, stories, characters, images and ideas which contribute to our own projects, culture and businesses.  
Software Freedom Day is a celebration of this freedom to interact and share.  
It is also a chance to invite everyone to talk about these issues.

## we make freedom

We make freedom by making our work and ideas accessible.  
We need to defend our freedom.  
Copyright, DRM and broadcast lobbies promote their perspectives.  
We need our law makers to hear that we need freedom to confidently access, interact, discuss, repurpose, adapt, customise, refurbish, repair, replay, retain, collaborate, critique, participate, compete.  
Freedom is important for vibrant and expressive local culture.  
Freedom is also important for vibrant and innovative local economy.  
We are all creative, we all have potential to contribute.  
We should all have the right and the freedom to participate.  
Come and join us. <http://softwarefreedomday.org/teams>

