

CLA Chief Executive recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours List



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Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) Chief Executive Kevin Fitzgerald has today been appointed Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Fitzgerald has been recognised for his services to British economic interests, in particular, the promotion of intellectual property internationally and the welfare of British nationals imprisoned abroad.

The official announcement came with Mr Fitzgerald's citation in the Diplomatic Service and Overseas List in *The London Gazette*.

Under Fitzgerald's leadership the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) - currently in its 30th anniversary year - has worked closely with the International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO) towards developing a robust international copyright system that supports creators and publishers and underpins the UK creative industries.

The UK creative industries bring major benefits to the British economy, generating £70,000 every minute, employing 1.5 million people¹ and promoting British culture overseas.

In addition to his position as Chief Executive at CLA, Fitzgerald is Chairman of Prisoners Abroad, a humanitarian charity which provides non-judgmental care for British citizens imprisoned overseas.

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Tom Bradley, CLA Chairman said:

“Kevin Fitzgerald has made an enormous contribution to the effective operation of CLA and the works it does on behalf of creators and publishers in the UK and overseas. He has forged important industry partnerships and is active in developing better standards to create an international environment where copyright is strong and creativity is protected. I am very pleased to see that his achievements have been recognised with this honour.”

Kevin Fitzgerald said:

“I am naturally delighted to be honoured in this way. However, in both my business life and voluntary work I have always been grateful for the support and expertise of the people I have worked with and so this honour also recognises their work, too.”

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Note to the editors:

Copyright Licensing Agency

CLA exists to protect creativity by ensuring that creators and publishers receive a fair reward for the copying and reuse of their work, thereby incentivising the production of new literary content. CLA was set up by authors and publishers in 1983 to undertake collective licensing on their behalf. Since 1983, CLA has collected more than £750m for distribution to copyright owners.

Career

Before arriving at CLA in 2006 Kevin Fitzgerald was at Pearson plc for 4 years as Managing Director of Rough Guides.

Other positions

Kevin Fitzgerald is a Board member of IFRRO (International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations) and Chair of the IFRRO European Group. He is also Chair of the British Copyright Council's Codes of Conduct Working Group.

In addition, Fitzgerald is Chair of Prisoners Abroad, a world leading, non-judgemental, humanitarian charity caring for British nationals imprisoned overseas.

He has formerly held roles on committees at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was a non-executive Director of the East of England Tourist Board.

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