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# Culture Secretary to address the IPG's Autumn Conference

**Nadine Dorries**, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is among the headline speakers at the Independent Publishers Guild's first ever Hybrid Autumn Conference next week.

The event takes place at the Shaw Theatre in London on Wednesday 3 November and features a programme of more than 20 speakers, with content streamed live to those who prefer to follow it remotely. Dorries, who is also a published author, will be in conversation with the IPG Chair Amanda Ridout of Bolwood Books.

The sustainability theme of the Conference, in the week of the COP26 summit, will be reinforced by **Mike Berners-Lee**, the renowned environmental researcher and author of *There is No Planet B* and *How Bad Are Bananas: The Carbon Footprint of Everything*. The event will also feature the presentation of findings from the IPG's new supply chain research, and the setting of targets to help publishing reduce its carbon footprint.

Another keynote speaker is leading performance psychologist and entrepreneur **Jamil Qureshi**, who will show how to build positive cultures and optimise productivity in fast-changing working environments. More keynotes will come from leaders of three fast-growing and multi-award winning independent publishers: Profile Books' **Andrew Franklin**, Nosy Crow's **Kate Wilson** and Emerald Publishing's **Vicky Williams**.

Other top publishers providing insights into their success include Unbound's **Rina Gill** and Europa Editions' **Daniella Petracco**. Expert-led sessions will include Gardners' **Simon Morley** and Ingram's **David Taylor** answering questions on publishing's latest supply chain issues. Among the speakers at break-outs dedicated to academic publishing are historian **Peter Mandler** and consultant **Michael Zeoli** on US academic libraries. More sessions are designed to give publishers practical advice in areas like audio, international sales, copyright, diversifying recruitment and making the most of publishing partnerships and systems.

There will be several opportunities for networking with publishers and a range of exhibitors led by Conference gold sponsors Ingram and Publishers' Licensing Services. Covid hygiene protocols will be in place for delegates attending in person, and bulk deals for tickets are available for those who wish to bring colleagues.

The full Conference programme and booking information [can be found here](#).

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