
Education and Culture Committee declaration

RIP SAMUEL PATY– 16 October 2020

The Education and Culture Committee joins its voice to the widespread international condemnation of the brutal killing of a French state-school teacher.

Education aims to develop students' critical thinking skills. It frees them from dogma and helps them to avoid authoritarian judgements. It teaches and protects freedom of speech and freedom of conscience. And it helps students to become democratic citizens who respect fundamental freedoms.

Those who murder teachers and close schools are the enemies of all the men and women who make up humanity.

The Education and Culture Committee extends to the family of Samuel Paty, and to all teachers and educational staff, its strongest and most unwavering support.

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