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The 1st Nicosia Alternative Book Festival will take place on the weekend of 15 and 16 November (11:00–20:00) at the Yalla Collective Space & Café on the Perikleous Street pedestrian walkway in Nicosia's old town.

This initiative is the result of a collaboration between collectives and individuals from the publishing sector in Cyprus and Greece. The group was formed to organise a festival whose core focus will be on publications (books, magazines, and zines), book presentations, and events that would otherwise struggle to find their space at other festivals or on bookshop shelves. At the heart of our festival will be books and events that promote discussion and seek to raise socio-political issues without discrimination (based on gender, race, or sexual orientation), and address censorship practices, which have become increasingly prevalent in recent years.

We aspire for the festival to promote and develop a culture of respect, cooperation, and solidarity. Furthermore, we are committed to the collective self-organisation of a festival that will not rely on sponsors or (establishment) institutions. Finally, we hope the festival will serve as a starting point for organising future festivals open to the languages and peoples of our region.

The festival programme will include open discussions such as: 70 years since the founding of EOKA: Prompted by the publication of Andrekos Varnava's book 'Assassination in Colonial Cyprus in 1934 and the Origins of EOKA', and Cypriot Greek: from the spoken to the written word; as well as discussions on Censorship in Cyprus and Publications and politics.

Participants: Affect Editions, Ajar, Fisherwomxn, IWW, Moufflon Bookshop, Faura Books, OWK Press, Ideodromio Bookshop, Peridiavasi Bookshop, Ektos Grammis, Panoptikon, Cultural Foundation 1948, Potlatch, Psifides.

Any publishing venture wishing to participate may send an email to: nabf2025@gmail.com

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