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Freedom of Expression Institute 25 years on- A triumph for freedom of expression

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The gloomy disclosures that are presented almost daily to South Africans at the commissions of inquiry into state capture and into tax administration and governance issues at the SA Revenue Service, compounded by a slew of reports and findings from other inquiries into private and other organisations, reinforces the need for organisations like the Freedom of Expression Institute which celebrates 25 years of its existence.

“The importance of this core value of democracy is as relevant and necessary today as it was 25 years ago” said FXI’s Rea Simigiannis. “South Africans would still be ignorant of such grand scale abuse of power if the Institute and other similar organisations and public-spirited individuals had not maintained steady pressure through their determined efforts to promote freedom of expression and access to information” added Simigiannis.

“Seldom have the citizens of a country experienced such a striking example of the power of freedom of expression and its influence on the gathering and making public of vital information. It brings home to all the necessity of ensuring that there is maximum transparency in government and the conduct of affairs to prevent crime and corruption from taking over their lives” concluded Simigiannis.

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