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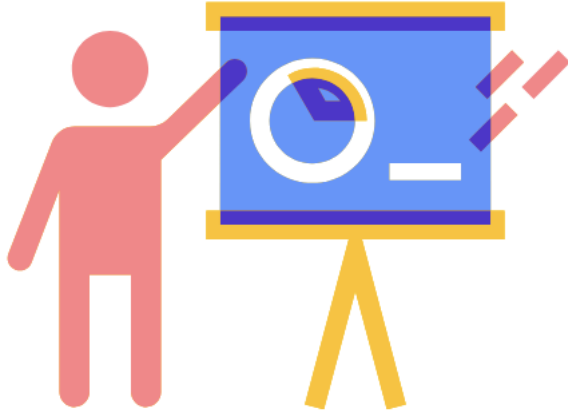
Webwise Youth Advisory Panel

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PROMOTING A SAFER, BETTER INTERNET



EDUCATION RESOURCES



TRAINING & CPD



**ADVICE & RESOURCES
FOR PARENTS**



**LISTEN TO AND
INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE**

THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL



01

ACT AS YOUTH VOICE FOR YOUR
SCHOOLS, PEERS AND FRIENDS

02

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

03

CONTRIBUTE TO WEBWISE CAMPAIGNS
AND ONLINE RESOURCES

04

SAFER INTERNET DAY AMBASSADOR TRAINERS

05

CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DEBATES AND
POLICY

Youth Advisory Panel What's Involved?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0jeYYgSZcg&t=128s>

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL OPPORTUNITIES



SID Ambassador Programme

Mission Statement & Aims

Our Safer Internet Day Ambassador Programme is a **peer to peer** youth programme that gives students an opportunity to start an online safety campaign in their own school. **It's aims are:**



01

To encourage and support young people to **address internet safety issues** such as cyberbullying, online wellbeing and online rights to create a better internet for all.

02

To do this by training young people to **lead effective awareness-raising campaigns** in their schools.

03

To involve as many people across schools, groups, communities in Ireland to **celebrate Safer Internet Day**, 7th February 2023.

Worksheet 4.4

Your Life Online — FAQs

We answer some frequently asked questions from young people about online rights and internet use.

No.1 What does GDPR stand for?

A: GDPR stands for the General Data Protection Regulation. It is an EU law on data protection and privacy which gives you more rights to know how your data is being used and why.

No.2 Can I say anything I want online?

A: No, while there is a constitutional right to freedom of speech, that right is not absolute and must be balanced against other people's rights. The **Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020** has been introduced to broaden the scope of the offence of online harassment to cover all forms of persistent communications about a person, and will cover situations where the perpetrator distributes or publishes a threat or grossly offensive communications to the victim or about the victim and is likely to be used to **address cyberbullying**. It can cover once-off threatening or grossly offensive communications and will increase the penalty from 7 to 10 years imprisonment. For example, you cannot incite hatred against a person online or defame them etc. In addition cyberbullying another person online can lead to criminal charges of harassment.

No.3 Using someone else's work (pictures, music, video or text) you find online without their permission is illegal.

A: Using somebody else's work without their permission is a potential copyright infringement and a civil wrong.

Should you use another person's work in your own work, without acknowledging same, as well as being a breach of copyright, it may also be plagiarism.

No.4 I can post a video, photo or audio of someone else online without their permission.

A: Publishing a video, photo or audio of someone else without their permission might constitute an offence depending on the nature of the content.

Coco's Law: The Harassment, Harmful Communications Act 2020 introduces new offences to deal with the non-consensual distribution of intimate images with a penalty of an unlimited fine and/or up to seven years imprisonment. It will be irrelevant that a person may have consented to the taking of an image if it is subsequently published or distributed without their consent.

Individuals have a constitutional right to privacy which must be respected and videos, photos, audio files taken of people in a place where they would expect privacy may breach that right and constitute a civil wrong. Individuals also

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have privacy rights under the European Convention on Human Rights.

In addition, anyone who publishes private content online could also be in breach of the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") and be required to take the content down or be subject to fines.

A common sense approach is always best and it is good practice to ensure that you have a person's consent to post his or her photo and to take down a photo of someone if they ask you to.

No.5 It is an offense to impersonate someone online?

A: Setting up a fake profile in order to impersonate someone, publish false information or target another person online is an act of cyberbullying and may also constitute a criminal offence under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020.

No.6 Can I sign up for a social media account if I am under 16?

A: The Digital Age of Consent in Ireland is 16 under section 31 of the Data Protection Act 2018. This means that in order to legally process the personal data of a person under the age of 16, a social media company must make reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of that person's parents, if the company is relying on consent as the legal basis for processing personal data. Additionally, most companies provide that a person under the age of 13 cannot set up an account, even if they have their parent's consent.

No.7 Can I request information about me to be removed from the internet?

A: Yes, if your personal data is no longer needed or is being used unlawfully then you can ask for your data to be erased. This is known as "the right to be forgotten".

These rules also apply to search engines, such as Google, as they are also considered to be data controllers. You can ask for links to web pages including your name to be removed from search engine results, if the information is inaccurate, inadequate, irrelevant or excessive.



TALK LISTEN LEARN



**Online Safety Talking
Points for Parents**
Developed by Irish Teens

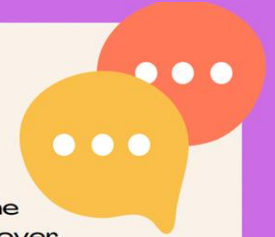


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TALKING POINTS FOR PARENTS



The following talking points have been drafted by the Webwise Youth Advisory Panel in consultation with over 100 Irish teens. These are helpful conversation starters for parents to support their teen online. Talking Points may be adapted for parents of younger children.

1. WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE INFLUENCER ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ONLINE GAME?

Starting off with an easier question about what we like online will make your child or teenager feel comfortable and can be used as a springboard to a deeper conversation.

2. WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE RECENT STORY ABOUT [SPORTS TEAM/CELEBRITY/ INFLUENCER THAT YOUR TEENAGER IS INTERESTED IN]

Talking about recent news events or trending topics online can be a natural way of easing into a conversation with your teenager and finding common ground.

3. CAN YOU SHOW ME HOW YOUR FAVOURITE APP/GAME WORKS?

Showing an interest in what your child or teenager likes to do online will encourage them to be more open with you, and will help you learn and have a better understanding of what they like to do online.

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK MY FAVOURITE APPS OR WEBSITES ARE?

Looking for common ground is a great way to begin a conversation with your teen. Finding similarities in how you both use the internet allows us to bridge any understanding gaps and it also allows you to highlight the benefits and opportunities of using digital technologies.

5. HOW DO YOU STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR FRIENDS ONLINE?

The social aspect of being online is very important to young people. It allows us to stay connected with our friends, and also to connect with communities with shared interests right around the world. This will help you to understand the social element for your child, and to be able to support them to have a safe and positive experience.

6. WHAT APP DO YOU USE THE MOST, AND IF YOU DIDN'T USE THE APP HOW WOULD IT AFFECT YOU?

Open up a conversation with your child about the apps/games/site they like to use, and encourage them to consider what the positive and negative impacts would be if they didn't use it. Not only will this encourage your child to weigh up the pros and cons, it will also help you to understand the benefit it may provide your child and whether they might need support.



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OUR DIGITAL LIVES

GUEST PANEL DISCUSSION



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