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fear of risks, no access, not being allowed*

In the UK:
1 in 12 young people do not use the internet
1 in 6 adults do not use the internet

Top three things that stop adults going online:
lack of motivation, no access, not having the skills*

What do you think prevents young people going online?

How can we motivate people to get online?

What opportunities does the internet provide young people?

The internet should be for everyone. It should not be dependent on who or where you are.
Matthew – aged 15

The more accessible the internet becomes the more we will develop a global community.
Jack – aged 15

More than half of UK teachers believe that children with no internet access are seriously disadvantaged in their education*

The more access we get people online?

WHO ARE CHILDNET INTERNATIONAL?

Childnet International is a UK-based charity working with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. Childnet has developed partnerships with the UK Safer Internet Centre, Internet Matters, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) and digital citizenship partners such as the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS). Since 2005, Childnet has worked in partnership with the UK Government and others to develop a series of award-winning resources. In January 2011 Childnet was appointed by the European Commission as the Safer Internet Centre for the UK.

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IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE OUR SAY ABOUT THE NET BECAUSE WE USE IT THE MOST AND SOMETIMES KNOW MORE ABOUT IT THAN ADULTS DO.

William Gardner
CEO, Childnet International

YOUTH IGF TEAM 2011

THE EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS YEAR’S YOUTH IGF PROJECT COME FROM AROUND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CHANNEL ISLANDS. FROM URBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS, AND RANGE IN AGE FROM 15 TO 17.

SOME OF THE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS ARE FAMILIAR FACES AT THE IGF, BUT THEY ARE JOINED BY NEWLY RECRUITED TEAM MEMBERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THE IGF FOR THE FIRST TIME.

In preparation for the Internet Governance Forum the youth team came to stay in London for a residential youth camp, where they discussed the issues of access and diversity and heard from a wide range of civil society groups and key players in the internet industry. The camp encouraged the young people to develop their own ideas about Internet Governance and they all responded by producing their own personal statement of beliefs, which you can read at www.youthigfproject.com.

All eight young participants are at the IGF in Nairobi presenting their unique perspectives, and giving out their own “Statement of beliefs postcards”.

We should encourage and nurture these young people who are not yet online to ensure that they are not left behind. We believe there is space for all. We must also support fair Online Access, where everyone can connect with the target of getting everyone online in the UK by 2012.

Allex, 15

One of the main reasons for people not being online is a lack of information. We need to know the benefits of what is on the Internet and that we can do this while maintaining our privacy.

Becca, 16

Everybody deserves the opportunity to choose how they use the Internet. It is vitaly important. Children and young people who are at the forefront of using and adopting new internet technologies.

Allex, 17

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Corin, 15

We all need to recognize that the internet is an empowering tool which can enhance society, culture, economies and improve the quality of life for people. If they can use the internet in a positive way then they could have access to the information and knowledge that they need.

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Childnet created the Youth IGF Project to include the voice of children and young people at the IGF. As the Youth IGF Project enters its third year, it has been encouraging to see the positive move towards youth participation at the Internet Governance Forum.

The Youth IGF Project has also grown and matured over the last three years. In 2008 Childnet spoke to over 1500 children and young people from across the UK about their online experiences, their rights and their wishes for the future of the internet, inspiring two young people and the voice of youth from the UK to the IGF in Sharm El Sheikh. In 2010, we held seven young people in the IGF in Venise and introduced a summer youth camp to equip the young people to take part in various workshops at the IGF. This year we are welcoming all of these young people to the IGF in Nairobi where they will be holding their own workshop and taking part in a range of other discussions.

We look forward to hearing what they have to say this year and to the continued involvement and contribution of young people in the IGF over the coming years.

The eight young people in this year’s Youth IGF Project come from around the United Kingdom and Channel Islands. From urban and rural settings, and range in age from 15 to 17.

Some of the youth participants are familiar faces at the IGF, but they are joined by newly recruited team members who are experiencing the IGF for the first time.

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