

YOUTH IGF PROJECT 2011

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*

IN THE UK

1 IN 12

YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT USE THE INTERNET

TOP THREE THINGS THAT STOP YOUNG PEOPLE GOING ONLINE: FEAR OF RISKS, NO ACCESS, NOT BEING ALLOWED*

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*

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY

IS IT TO GET PEOPLE ONLINE?

IS THE INTERNET A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT?

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?





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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 youth participants are at the IGF in Nairobi presenting their unique perspectives, and giving out their own 'Statement of beliefs postcards'.

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM (IGF) IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. IT IS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF USING AND ADOPTING NEW INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES, EMBRACING THEM IN A DIFFERENT WAY TO MANY ADULTS.



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 2009 Childnet spoke to over 1500 children and young people from across the UK about their online experiences, their online rights and their wishes for the future of the internet, taking two young people and the voice of youth from the UK to the IGF in Sharm El Sheikh. In 2010, we took seven young people to the IGF in Vilnius and introduced a summer youth camp to equip the young people to take part in various workshops at the IGF. This year we are bringing a team of eight 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.

Will Gardner

Will Gardner
CEO, Childnet International

COME AND LISTEN TO THE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS SPEAKING ON THE PANEL FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS:

WS 76:

A GLOBAL CONSIDERATION OF THE CHALLENGES TO ACCESS & THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ACCESS AFFORDS, FROM A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE.

WS 417:

CAN DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP SCALE INTO THE EMERGING AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EFFECTIVELY? SHOULD IT?

WS 92: **CHALLENGING MYTHS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE INTERNET**



We should encourage and nurture those people (young and old) who aren't on the internet by supporting Race Online 2012, an organisation with the target of getting everybody in the UK on the internet by 2012.

Alannah, 15



One of the main reasons for people not being online is a lack of motivation; people need to know the benefits of what is online and how their lives can be improved by it in order for this motivation to grow.

Becca, 16



Everybody deserves the opportunity to choose if they wish to benefit from all the internet has to offer, and no barriers, whether social, economical, intellectual or otherwise should inhibit this.

Alex, 17



We need to raise awareness about lack of motivation and education which creates a barrier for potential internet users. This can be accomplished through classes, software and effective advertising.

Connor, 15



Every single person around the world should have access to the internet, even if they live in a rural area of their country/island or have a disability. ISP's should be putting more effort in to supplying the connection and 'meg' speeds that they have promised.

Dan, 15



The internet can easily connect the world together and all countries across the globe can begin developing their communities but the first step is the hardest - educating the world to the positive impact and advantages that the internet provides.

Jack, 15



We all need to recognise that the internet is an empowering tool which can enhance society, culture, economies and improve how information is obtained. We all have an obligation to ensure that regardless of geographical location or social background that the internet is both available and accessible.

Matthew, 15



Those who are digitally excluded should be aided to overcome their barriers to access. Websites which broadcast globally should endeavour to provide their service in a wide variety of languages and the internet should be made more accessible to disabled users.

Nicola, 15

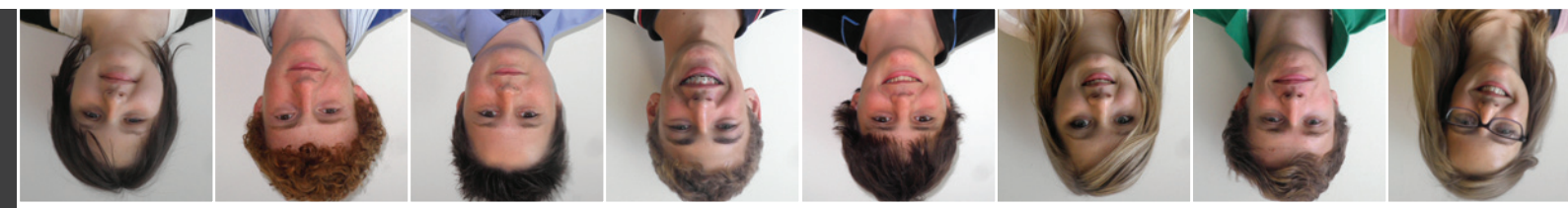
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LINKS
UK Safer Internet Centre website: www.saferinternet.org.uk
Childnet's award winning KidSMART website: www.kidsmart.org.uk
Childnet's DigiZen website on digital citizenship: www.digizen.org.uk

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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 and young people. A child focused organisation, Childnet works directly with children, those responsible for children and other organisations and service providers operating around the internet. In particular, Childnet works actively in the area of education and awareness in promoting the potential and opportunities that the internet and new technologies offer by providing quality advice to children, young people, parents, teachers and caregivers, to enable children to use technologies safely and responsibly. An original member of the Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS), Childnet has worked in partnership with the UK Government and others to develop a number 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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