# **Youth IGF Project**

The Youth IGF Project is now in its fourth year of bringing the voice of youth to the IGF.



This year, four young people from the UK are attending the IGF in Baku. They are chairing their own workshop, **Social media**, **young people and freedom of expression**, drawing from a global youth survey they conducted, and will also join several other workshop panels. They will be available to meet delegates at the Youth IGF Project village booth and will be blogging throughout the conference at **www.youthigfproject.com/blog**.

Matthew (age 17)





Jack (age 16)

Becca (age 17)



# Workshop 94: Social media, young people and freedom of expression

The Youth IGF Project is running a workshop on **Social media**, young people and freedom of expression. It will consider the challenges to both service providers and young people alike and seek to engage the panellists in a

debate about these challenges and to discuss the practicalities of resolving these. Young people from the Youth IGF Project chairing are the workshop, and will be joined on the panel by young people from Hong Kong, Denmark and the Nordic Youth IGF Project, as well as policymakers, social media firms and educators.



#### Catch us in action as panellists in these workshops:

94: Social media, young people and freedom of expression - Chaired by the Youth IGF Project

96: The Internet of Humans: Online Human Behaviour and IG Policy Impacts

110: Freedom of expression and freedom from hate online

- 119: Defining the Successful Factors of Different Models for Youth Participation in Internet Governance
- 146: Intellectual property rights and the freedom to share: are the two compatible?

195: Citizenship in the digital era - meeting the challenges, empowering children

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# **Results from our global youth** survey about social media, young people and freedom of expression.

We surveyed 874 young people age 11-18 in 40 countries across 6 continents: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, UK and USA.

# 96% use social networks

In addition to the 9 social networks we listed in the survey, there were 53 other services mentioned, with Instagram, Skype and Hotmail/ MSN Messenger the most popular.

#### You Tube 85% 56% 32% 22%

Should

you be able to sa anything online?

Yes, within reasonable limits – 659

No - 16

Yes – 18%

# Do you think you act differently online?

16% I can say things online that I wouldn't say offline

- 41% I'm more careful about what I say online

### Listen up social networks!

VS

- **1 in 6** find it harder to use privacy settings when accessing social networks from a mobile phone
- Half wanted service providers to educate them about what is unacceptable/illegal to say online
- A third don't find Terms of Use easy to understand – increasing to half of respondents from Asia
- A third have never seen the Terms

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