



Making Every Child Matter...*everywhere*

The role of technology in the sexualisation of children: Online actions, real world consequences

A One Day Conference

Thursday 23rd September 2010

Nederlands Instituut voor Beeld en Geluid, Hilversum



Working together to tackle child sex abuse and making every child matter ... everywhere



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Understanding the risks

The internet is a natural part of life for children. It's part of the world in which they grow up, a place to meet and play, to share experiences and explore. A place to learn about the world, good and bad.

This provides children with fantastic opportunities but some of the things they see and do online can put them at risk. Whilst adults have always provided help and guidance as young people grow, often on the internet they are left alone to explore and experiment.

Increasingly, young people are using this freedom to explore sexual boundaries online. They are flirting on webcam and in chat sites or accessing pornography at the click of a mouse. The increasing availability of internet access through mobile phones means pictures and videos can be created and uploaded in seconds. Some young people are creating indecent images of themselves and sharing them by email, text or social networking sites with no control over where they may end up.

Children will always seek to push boundaries as part of their natural development but in this new world there can appear to be no boundaries.

Whilst children need freedom to explore and experiment, it is important to recognise the impact which technology may be having as they develop and the risks their behaviour may bring.

What impact then is increased access to pornography having on young people's expectations of sex? What pressures are they experiencing to present themselves as 'sexy' online? Importantly, what is the effect of their risk taking on sex offender behaviour? Are these young people placing themselves at greater risk of being sexually abused?

Protecting Children Online

This one day conference, organised by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre in collaboration with Digivaardig&Digibewust, aims to shed light on these issues and the world of young people and technology, the risks they face and how the child protection community can mitigate those risks and help young people to enjoy the virtual world safely.

The conference will draw on the experience of a range of European experts from academia, law enforcement and education. Members of the European INSAFE network will discuss their organisations' educational responses to this issue and open up the conference for a discussion around these areas.

Conference objectives

Delegates attending this conference will gain the following:

- an insight into how, psychologically this type of technology is affecting young people;
- the implications this can have on a young person's behaviour and development;
- an insight into the patterns of behaviour of offenders;
- an insight into young people's risk taking behaviour in the online environment;
- practical steps in how to protect the young people in your care.

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Agenda

09:00	Registration
09:30	Welcome and introduction to sexualisation and addictive behaviours of young people using online technology <i>Helen Penn</i> <i>Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre</i>
10:15	Internet child abuse: understanding offender online grooming behaviour <i>Julie Grove-Hills</i> <i>EU Grooming Project</i>
11:00	Break
11:15	In love with the internet: the influence of social networking <i>Justine Pardoën,</i> <i>Mijnkindonline</i>
12:00	Sexualisation and mobile media <i>Liesbeth Hop,</i> <i>Media Rakkers</i>
12:45	Lunch
13:45	Best practice in Europe. Case Studies from Netherlands and Belgium. Netherlands – Marjolijn Bonthuis, ECP-EPN Belgium – Ellen Stassart, Child Focus
14:45	Break
15:00	Case Studies from Germany and Spain. Germany - Stefanie Rack, Klicksafe, Spain - José Luis Zatarain, Protegeles
16:00	Open forum and discussion
16:30	Close

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Who should attend?

This conference is most suitable for those professionals who work in the following capacities:

- Teachers and senior teaching staff
- Youth workers
- School counsellors
- Police officers working in community liaison, safeguarding or child protection
- Social workers
- Developers of new online technologies used by children
- Representatives from Safer Internet Centres (i.e. Awareness centres, Helplines, Hotlines)
- Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and charities working in a relevant child protection capacity

Delegate cost

There is a delegate fee of £145 (approx €175) per person which includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

How to make a booking

Make a reservation online

Visit www.ceop.police.uk/training and complete the online booking form and one of the Professional Development team will confirm your place(s) on the conference.

Send an email

Email the Professional Development at training@ceop.gov.uk with your name, organisation, position, contact details and details of a billing contact. The Professional Development team will then confirm your place on the conference.

Alternatively, call +44 (0)20 7238 2372/2315 and speak to the team for more information.

There are a limited number of places and you are recommended to book at your earliest opportunity.

**Please note this conference will be delivered in English*