

Focus on the Future

An update on online facilitated child sexual abuse following
the 2024 WeProtect Global Alliance Summit

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Call to Action following the WeProtect 2024 Global Summit

4-5 December, 2024 Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

A 'Focus on the Future' to tackle online facilitated child sexual abuse requires:

Recognising a growing global crisis.

Acknowledging progress and challenges.

Commend and Follow suit.

Call for deeper collaboration and commitment.

Together, we will continue to drive systemic change, leveraging innovation, collaboration, and compassion to ensure a safer digital future for all children.

The full Call to Action, with individual pledge commitments can be found here:

www.weprotect.org/2024-global-summit/

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A digital rights campaign – early insights from young people across the world

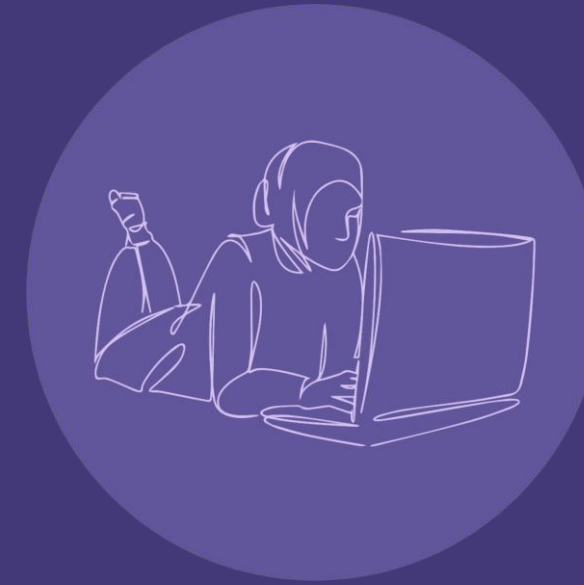
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The consultation

85

**children & young
people aged 13-22 years**



Countries represented:

Australia, Poland, Ghana, Canada, Nepal, Madagascar,
Uganda, Kenya and Colombia

Collaborating Organisations:

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts,
Australian E-Safety Commissioner, Mtoto News,
OneChild Canada and Red Papaz

How they see the digital world

A Diverse Ecosystem

Messaging, gaming, e-learning, shopping, streaming – different zones like gaming, productivity and social media

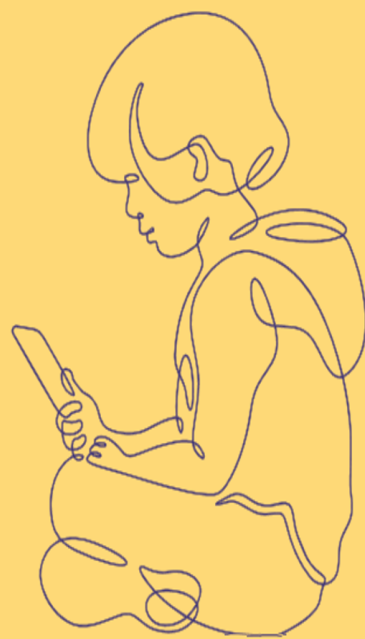
Positive vs Negative

Fun and creative spaces vs harmful spaces like black markets and toxic practices

Power Imbalances

Viewing online harms as battles, with adults sometimes crossing into youth spaces with bad intentions

Feeling concerned & unsafe



“ Some countries just won’t make the legislation or take the issue seriously then where does that leave children?

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| Tracking & hidden cameras | Digital literacy & tech reliance |
| Privacy vs security debate | Algorithms and AI |
| Identity theft & fake accounts | Stalking, graphic & sexual content |
| Digital literacy & tech reliance | Predators and groomers |
| Features you can’t remove | Exposure to mature content |

What do youth-friendly digital spaces look like?

Safe and Private

Strict content filters, zero tolerance for harmful content, protection of personal information

Empowering Exploration

Creative spaces for collaboration, digital literacy programmes for responsible use of platforms

Simplified Access

User-friendly platforms with clear guidance, realistic promises, shorter terms and conditions

What they see as their digital rights

“ If you want protection, there needs to be some sacrifice of freedom. But as a young person, I should have the right to explore and discover things.

Protection, Privacy and Agency

Extending informed consent to digital spaces, control over personal data, legal support against digital harm. Protection not at the expense of privacy.

Expression and Equality

Right to share opinions, build communities, access education without discrimination or judgement

Digital Wellbeing

Balance screen time, ensure digital safety, safeguard personal content with proper authorisations

They want inclusion in decisions

“ A lot of laws developed for young people are not developed for young people eg the current bans on social media for under 16s – young people were not consulted enough. Young people should be in the room while the laws are being drafted and developed, not just at the consultation stage.

Inclusive Laws and Policies

Not just 'Do's' and 'Don't's' young people must be involved in creating digital laws and rules that impact them.

Tailored Solutions

Separate apps and spaces for children and adults, clear guidance and honest platform explainers.

Education Focus

Prioritise digital literacy, e-learning and informed introduction to technology to minimise risks.

Creating a safer future

Prevention and Support

Use CSAM detection tech, monitor alternative terms, encourage trusted adults to help manage social media, concerns about AI to be addressed.

Collaboration and Accountability

Everyone **actor** take responsibility – stronger laws, clearer rules, better platforms to protect young people, Schools should help kids safely explore tech, better ways to track harmful people online

User Empowerment

A balanced ecosystem prioritizes both creative freedom and community safety. Enhanced tools that allow users to control their online experiences more effectively.



I hope the internet doesn't lose its spark. There are so many things you can explore and learn from.

I want the specialness of the internet having its freedom while being protected. - Youth Advocate, Canada

Thank you

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