

Online safety for under 18s (half day – PM session) with Nigel Heritage

Venue: Living Learning English, 27 Portland Square, Bristol, BS2 8SA

Date: Thursday 27 April, 2017

Timings: Registration from: 13:40 | start time: 14:00 | end time (approx): 17:30

Price: Members £65, non-members £105

Format: Interactive session that involves all participants

Why attend this training day?

The Internet when used sensibly and carefully can be a huge benefit; when used without due care it has the potential to cause great harm to individuals and organisations. Online safety affects everyone connected to an ELT organisation; any age student, all staff, homestays and other accommodation providers. Under 18s and international students unfamiliar with UK regulations are often particularly vulnerable. Legal 'Duty of Care' for under 18s requires schools to have policies and procedures in place that aim to keep their under 18 students safe online; however, prudent and thorough IT policies help protect everyone.

NB: The trainer is a safeguarding and not an IT specialist; therefore the training will not provide detailed technological information

What does it cover?

- Overview of situation; identifying areas of potential risk for ELT organisations.
- How to self-review current provision.
- The importance of leadership and knowledge
- Policies and materials; who needs to produce them and some samples?
- Raising awareness amongst staff and homestays.
- Educating students and the need for sanctions
- Focus on some specific areas likely to affect under 18s, e.g. cyber-bullying, photographs, accessing inappropriate websites
- The role of everyone in vigilance and monitoring
- Guiding students to healthier, safer online behaviour.

Learning outcomes

- Greater understanding of the scope and challenge of keeping under 18s safe on line.
- Identifying solutions to improve the existing situation
- Knowing where to go to get more help.
- Relevant handouts in hard copy and email follow-up
- Certificate issued by EnglishUK.

About the trainer



Nigel Heritage is a freelance trainer with more than 30 years' experience in ELT as a teacher, manager and consultant. He is a tutor on the English UK Cert SSM course and a member of English UK's consultancy team. Nigel specialises in student welfare in general and safeguarding and young learners in particular. Nigel aims to provide positive and interactive training sessions.

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