

BACKGROUND

KIDZ INTERNET SAFETY SOURCE OR KISS, has been created by Nexus NI as a training resource for teachers, parents, carers , youth leaders or indeed anyone who works with young people aged 11-15.

Practically every young person these days has access to the internet via smart phones, tablets and personal computers 24/7. A substantial amount of their communication is actually done online via the use of a plethora of social media sites and applications. The internet is undoubtedly a wonderful resource for all of us. However, like everything else, there are people who abuse this resource and use it to groom, bully, coerce and blackmail young people for their own gratification. Nexus has a team of Education Workers who advise young people on how to stay safe online. They have used their knowledge, expertise and experience of internet safety to create the this resource.

This video covers a number of themes including: Consent, Grooming, Sexting and Gaming. We have also included an interview with the PSNI to explain the legal perspective and interviews with two young people who talk about their own experiences online. Each section can be used independently or together. We would encourage facilitators to concentrate on one topic at a time and use the accompanying notes to generate open and interactive discussion with the young people. For optimum benefit, we would also encourage the inclusion of other videos, quizzes and games to complement each section. Additionally, we have included a section on the work of Nexus NI for your information.

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