



Noelia, Spain

Youth can give a fresh perspective on online issues and expose issues which adults aren't necessarily aware of, such as cyberbullying or social media. Youth can understand, at a higher level, what it is to be a victim and perhaps they can help others in need to identify with them.



João, Portugal

If we, as young people, use the internet, it's also up to us to promote a better internet! If we can raise the questions, and adults can provide their support and expertise, the task will get easier.



Ruth, Malta

Youth should be more aware of how the internet operates and the risks it might present. I believe that we should give a voice to young people to express their opinions about online safety and then take these views to those in power who can take action and make a change.



Matthew, Ireland

In my opinion, teens should be encouraged to make mistakes online: we should make many mistakes and learn from them. We need confidence to be able to explore the internet to our full potential, and not live in fear of making a mistake and getting punished.

A better internet with You(th)

The Youth Manifesto is an online 'declaration' by European youth on how to make the internet better. Here, some of our youth ambassadors share their views on digital rights and opportunities online, and how youth can contribute to the debate...



Kathrin, Germany

Contrary to what we hear in the media, the internet is not a place where lots of bad things happen. I believe the internet provides us with great opportunities but we – and I'm including myself here because I'm still learning also – have to learn how to use it in the right way.



Florian, Austria

(commenting on his experience of attending Safer Internet Forum (SIF) 2013)

It's a great feeling to realise that lots of adults, representatives of industry and even policy makers are listening to the voice of youth, as is the opportunity to talk to people from all over the world. I'm pretty sure that this is an experience which is more valuable than a week spent at school or university.



Grace, Ireland

The internet and technology are everywhere; it's not something that can be avoided anymore! I personally can't think of a man-made initiative as incredible as the internet. Everybody in the world has the ability to be connected... how incredible is that?



Lubos, Czech Republic

What we maybe do not always realise is that, as young European citizens, we have a lot of benefits online. It's great that we can use the internet freely to educate ourselves, to learn and also for entertainment. But, of course, we also need to ensure that we can enjoy all of these benefits safely.



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