

Media Literacy resources for youth workers

ACTIVITY	PLAN
Theme	Understanding different risks associated with media use and develop strategies to stay safe
Aims	To identify risks associated with media and social media use and develop appropriate strategies to resist sexting.
Objectives	 Identify a number of risks associated with media / social media use. Consider the evidence about what strategies are best for staying safe. Analyse an example of 'active skill base learning' Identify other scenarios in which active skill based learning could be applied.
Target audience	12+
Youth worker	Facilitate a discussion to identify the potential risks associated with media / social media use.
activity (step by step)	2. Project the report from UK PSHE association and discuss section 21. Active Skill Based Learning.
	3. Project a definition of the term and facilitate a discussion the meaning of 'sexting'
	Show the film 'Send me a Selfie'
	Discuss how this exchange might lead to sexting
	Discuss ways in which the character Chris could resist the peer group pressure from his friend
	One way to resist peer group pressure is to use questions to deflect eg. How do you think she will feel if I hassle her? How would you feel if someone was hassling your sister?
	4. Facilitate a discussion to identify other scenarios where role play could be used to develop skills that young people can use to stay sage
Learner activity	1. Identify potential risks.
(step by step)	2. Note the importance of active skill based learning and discuss the best ways to develop skills required to stay safe.
	3. Discuss the meaning of the term flame war and identify examples of when that might happen.
	Watch the film 'Send me a Selfie'
	Identify ways in which this scenario might lead to sexting





Identify ways in which the character Chris could resist the peer group pressure from his friend

Using role play practice the skills that one of the characters might use to resist peer group pressure.

4. Identify other scenarios that young people could role play in order to practice skill that might use to stay safe

Resources required

We recommend you copy and paste the full link rather than clicking through

- 1a. Access to a list of potential risks associated with media / social media use. https://www.care.com/c/stories/4275/5-dangers-of-social-media-to-discuss-with-you/
- 1b. Access to another list of potential risks associated with media / social media use

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/social-media-impact-mental-health-young-

people/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIpZPv9fHe2QIVq7vtCh2clwVyEAAYASAAEgIS_PD_BwE

2. Access to a research into effective approaches to preventative education https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/key-principles-effective-prevention-education

"Researchers highlight the importance of active skills-based learning – defined as 'anything that involves students in doing things and thinking about what they are doing' (Herbert and Lohrmann, 2011). A range of research agrees that primarily non-interactive strategies, or those based on knowledge alone are not effective (UNODC, 2004; Jones et al., 2014b; Thomas et al., 2015). Opportunities to practise skills are identified as important by a number of reports (UNODC, 2004; Jones, 2010; Thomas et al., 2015). Active learning strategies allow pupils to engage in skills practice. Providing pupils with opportunities to make real decisions about their lives, including in school, offers an opportunity for this kind of skills practice."

3a. Access to a definition of the term 'Sexting'. https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/sext

3b. access to the film 'Send me a Selfie' https://vzaar.com/videos/14396122#publicView

3c. a scenario to be used to facilitate role play and active skill development

Send me a selfie

Chris started sending texts to Megan because he likes her. Then, he asked her for a selfie and she stopped responding to his texts. His mate, Jamie, said she is boring and started to apply a bit of peer pressure.



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	How can Chris challenge Jamie? Using role play, have a go at practicing asking the right kind of questions that might get Jamie to think about what he is doing."
Assessment	Assess contributions to discussion
of learning	Assess the performance of role play
Duration	1 hour