



Children & The Internet Releasing Potential, Minimising Risks. A One Day Conference.

Childnet International
in partnership with the
Cable & Wireless Jamaica
Foundation invite you to:

A special one day international conference reviewing the impact that the Internet is having on children in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean and sharing lessons learnt from around the world in ensuring children are using the Internet positively and safely.

This event will include an opportunity to hear directly from children and young people and a chance to meet international winners from the Cable & Wireless Childnet Academy 2005, which is being held in Jamaica for the first time.

Thursday 31st March 2005

Wyndham Rose Hall Resort & Country Club,
Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Conference: 9.30am - 5.00pm



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The one-day conference will bring together educators, policy makers and industry leaders to explore how young people, teachers and families are using the Internet for positive social purposes.

Releasing Potential

The conference will highlight the creative and inspiring ways in which children and young people are using the Internet and will explore just how powerful the Internet can be as a tool to enable young people to learn, communicate and realise their full potential.

Conference sessions will include:

Releasing Potential - in Education

This session will highlight many examples of how information communication technology (ICT) is being used positively in classrooms around the world. The session will explore the potential benefit of including Internet learning as a core part of the classroom environment and will also highlight lessons learnt from previous mistakes.

Releasing Potential - in Families

This session will explore how parents can keep up to date with their children's use of ICT and look at the ways in which parents and carers can best support their children and ensure that they can get the most out of the Internet.

Releasing Potential - Children & Young People

This session will include an opportunity to hear directly from the winners of this year's Cable & Wireless Childnet Academy Competition – all of whom are using the Internet for positive social purposes.

Contributors Include:

- Young winners from this year's Academy programme
- The Honourable Maxine Henry-Wilson, Minister of Education, Youth & Culture
- Ms. Jacqueline Holding, President Cable & Wireless, Jamaica
- Stephen Carrick-Davies, Chief Exec. Childnet International
- Gary Williams, Education Manager, British Council
- Richard Millwood, Director of Ultralab
- Trond Waage, Previous Norwegian Ombudsman for Children
- Rebecca Shallcross, Executive of Children's BBC Interactive
- Larry Magid, Founder of www.safekids.com
- Heba Ramzy, Corporate Social Responsibility & Community Affairs Programs, Microsoft, Middle East and Africa
- Anne Collier, Author of NFN. www.netfamilynews.com

Minimising Risk

The conference will also highlight the importance of staying safe online and explore how the risks of new technology can be minimised, ensuring that children and young people can be protected from inappropriate content and contact.

Conference sessions will include:

Minimising Risk - Communicating with Young People

This session will explore the do's and don'ts in terms of communicating with young people about Internet safety and will provide an opportunity to hear from young people who will share their views about staying safe online.

Minimising Risk - Interactive Services

The conference will include a series of breakout sessions, which will highlight best practice advice on running interactive services for children and young people. Breakout sessions will be run by leading industry, media and regulatory representatives.

Minimising Risk - Educating Teachers & Parents

This extended breakout session will showcase Childnet International's award-winning Internet safety programme, Kidsmart (www.kidsmart.org.uk). The session will also explore how the programme can be replicated in schools across the Caribbean.

This session is specifically targeted at teachers and educators.

Minimising Risk - Anticipating Future Risks in Mobile Technology

Children and young people now represent a significant proportion of mobile phone users worldwide – with many already able to access Internet services via their mobile handsets. This session will highlight the lessons learnt from the fixed Internet and explore how to ensure that children and young people are protected from inappropriate content and contact using new mobile technology.

A full programme will be issued to all delegates in advance of the conference



Who should attend this Conference?

This conference will look at a range of issues affecting children and families using ICT and mobile technology. Individuals from the following organisations should consider attending:

Government
Education/Schools
Parents
Youth Workers
NGOs

Policy Makers
Teachers
Software Developers
Mobile Operators
Community Groups

Registration at the Conference

Places at this conference are **free** but advance registration using the attached form is essential by 14th March.

More info see:

www.childnetacademy.org/event

