

Childnet Academy online mentors

What is the Cable & Wireless Childnet Academy? The Academy will provide specialist web support, leadership training and technical advice to a group of the best young web developers from around the world. Participants will have ongoing online and offline access to a team of Internet experts & mentors drawn from the world of education, business and the public & voluntary sectors. The Academy will be run on an annual basis by Childnet International, with the inaugural Academy being held in London during Spring 2004.

What is a Childnet Academy online mentor?

The Childnet Academy online mentors act as coaches and role models providing the extra guidance and support that will help young people develop exciting and innovative online projects. Online mentors will make a significant difference to these unique young people by encouraging them to develop their skills into talent and make a positive difference in their own communities. Online mentors will provide expertise in their area of strength to support young people.

Online mentors will join together with the Childnet International team, educators and parents to create a team dedicated to young people's success.

It is our hope that interaction online with a caring, supportive mentor can translate into an increased sense of self worth and academic gain.

What is the role of a Childnet Academy online mentor?

Young people who are interested in developing or have developed innovative online projects will send questions to the online mentors via the Childnet Academy forum (discussion board). The Childnet Academy coordinator will moderate the questions and if the post is appropriate the online mentor will be notified that a question has been posted and requires a response. The mentor will then respond to the question asked by the young person via the online forum.

To ensure the safety of the young people who use the Childnet Academy forum, all posts will be moderated (read and deemed appropriate) by the Childnet Academy coordinator.

It is not anticipated that the online mentor will need to spend any more than one hour a week responding to the young peoples questions.

Other information

From time to time an online mentor may be asked to participate in an online discussion. This would mean being available during a one-week period to answer young peoples questions on a particular topic of interest.

Occasionally an online mentor may be invited to attend one of the quarterly young peoples meetings (Networkers group) to speak on their topic of expertise.

Online mentors will be invited to meet the winners of the Cable and Wireless Childnet Academy at the inaugural event in Spring 2004.

If you are interested in becoming a Childnet Academy online mentor then please send the following to the Academy Coordinator (tanya@childnet-int.org).

1. A photograph suitable for the web.
2. A brief description (no more than 50 words) about yourself describing your skills and involvement in Information Communication Technology or business development.
3. The signed accompanying permission form giving Childnet permission to publish your photograph and information about yourself on the Academy website.