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### **1. Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's national LGBT conference – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Storyhouse, Chester**

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, recently ranked the UK's most LGBT-inclusive employer by Stonewall, is hosting a major national conference exploring the need for public services that are truly tailored to the needs of LGBT communities.

**Proud to Provide** is taking place at Chester's Storyhouse arts centre on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> to coincide with International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHoBiT) 2019. Click [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/proud-to-provide-tickets-56919188826?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch) to book your place on **Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's** national LGBT conference at Chester's Storyhouse arts centre on **Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/proud-to-provide-tickets-56919188826?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch>

### **2. Drugwatch Trust – Conference - Wed, 3 July 2019 09:30 – 3pm**

**Haydock Park Conference Centre, Warrington Road, Newton Le Willows, St Helens, WA12 0HQ- Standard Ticket- £150.00**

Drugwatch Trust is a drugs and alcohol education charity whose aim is to reduce drugs and alcohol abuse and dependency. This one-day event is full of practical training, accompanied by lots of resources and frameworks, to help to minimise the effort and maximise the outcomes of all those who work with young people.

Who is this event for?

If you lead or have responsibilities in your school/educational setting to deliver Drug and Alcohol Education, then you will gain a lot from this day. The event is for Primary and Secondary Heads and SLT, Heads of Year and Key Stages, PSHE leads, Pastoral Leads, SENCOs, Designated Safeguarding Leads, Sports Education

Officers, Youth Workers. Whether you are new to the role or are just looking for some inspirational, up to date resources then this is an event you will not want to miss. You will learn techniques and systems that will save you time, you will experience a dedicated networking session with teachers & staff who have been using the materials during the development stage.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drugs-and-alcohol-educational-conference-for-teachers-tickets-57809683319?ref=eios>  
<http://drugwatchtrust.co.uk/>

### 3. Alcohol Education Trust <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/>

The Alcohol Education Trust (AET) is a national youth charity supporting schools, youth organisations and parents in keeping 11-18s safe around alcohol. They support 2,500 schools and organisations with their award-winning and highly-evidenced resources, and nearly everything is FREE of CHARGE! The AET can support your work in a number of different ways.

Free core resources for all UK schools including 100 page Teacher Workbook containing lesson plans, games and activities organised by topic and year group; 'Alcohol and You' guide for students; 'Talking to Kids about Alcohol' parent guide.

You can download via: <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/teacher-area/download-teacher-workbook/> or order paper copies by contacting [kate@alcoholeducationtrust.org](mailto:kate@alcoholeducationtrust.org)

**Free access to [www.alcoholeducationtrust.org](http://www.alcoholeducationtrust.org) which contains a huge range of resources for teachers, youth professionals and parents. You can sign up for AET's parent/teacher bi-termly newsletters and download pdfs of resources here too.**

**Free access to [www.talkaboutalcohol.com](http://www.talkaboutalcohol.com) which contains engaging games and activities for young people to help them learn how to stay safe around alcohol while having fun!**

**Parent talks – engaging and informal talks including factual information, tips and advice as well as the chance for any Q and A.**

NEW ACTIVITY BOX JUST LAUNCHED! This exciting new resource contains the BAFTA-winning 'Just a Few Drinks' DVD as well as a range of 60 laminated activity cards – especially designed to support one to one conversations and informal group discussions. There are games, a quiz, group activities and scenario cards, and it is available here <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/store/games-and-activities-pack/> for just £45. If you work with a large number of pupils with SEN or who are Looked After, there may be funding to support you with this free of charge.

If you would like to learn more please contact [kate@alcoholeducationtrust.org](mailto:kate@alcoholeducationtrust.org)

#### 4. Queensberry AP – Assembly and Workshop Offer

The Hook has been developed to provide first hand experiences of child criminal exploitation and the wider impacts of risk-taking activities including knife crime to stop the rise in criminal activity. Encourage young people to reflect on their choices to reduce risk taking behaviour through restorative practices. Enable more young people to fulfil their potential by working to provide support and intervention at the earliest possible stages

The Hook has been developed to allow the delivery of workshops to a wide spectrum of young people, from those heavily involved in anti-social/criminal behaviour to vulnerable students who may be at risk of exploitation. Our 'prevention not cure' ethos and restorative practice underpins all of our workshops and helps to support young people by raising their awareness before they make the wrong choices. The Hook is delivered to small groups of students to ensure that the hard hitting messages delivered through the intervention have the most impact.

Our staff have a wealth of experience across many sectors working with young people and families including social care, EBD Schools, senior leadership roles within a mainstream school and most recently as senior leaders within a pupil referral unit. Working alongside currently serving offenders from HMP Thorn Cross, Queensberry AP are able to deliver workshops based upon personal experiences and very real first-hand accounts.

Dates left for this academic year are Friday 7th June, Friday 14th June, Friday 28th June & Friday 12th July

For further information or to book an assembly or workshop please contact [info@queensberryap](mailto:info@queensberryap) or call 07769294311. Workshop sessions are £100 for 10 students. <https://www.queensberryap.com/>

#### 5. Road Safety – Gist Child Road Safety Programme

<https://www.gistworld.com/Who-we-are/Corporate-Responsibility/Child-Road-Safety-Programme> Use this link to book an input

Our award-winning **FREE-OF-CHARGE** programme was established to reduce and prevent the needless accidents and deaths of young people on the roads. We work in partnership with Brake, the UK's largest road safety charity, who recommend the programme. This is available to primary and junior schools, as well as clubs and events in the communities surrounding our sites listed below:

Barnsley, Bristol, Carlisle, Crewe, Cumbernauld, Enfield, Faversham, Hemel Hempstead, Motherwell, Portbury, Spalding, Thatcham.

If your school or event is within approximately a 20-mile radius of one of our participating sites, we'd love to hear from you.

## **6. Silent Solution 999 Calls – Mobile Phone Advice.**

What to do if you need urgent police help through the 999 service, but can't speak, The Silent Solution is a police system used to filter out large numbers of accidental or hoax 999 calls. It also exists to help people who are unable to speak, but who genuinely need police assistance.

If the BT operator cannot decide whether an emergency service is needed, your call will be transferred to the Silent Solution system. You will hear an automated police message, which lasts for 20 seconds and begins with 'you are through to the police'. It will ask you to press 55 to be put through to police call management. The BT operator will remain on the line and listen. If you press 55, they will be notified and transfer the call to the police. If you don't press 55, the call will be terminated.

**Pressing 55 does not allow police to track your location.**

- **Dial** 999
- **Listen** to the questions from the 999 operator.
- **Respond** by coughing or tapping the handset if you can.
- If prompted, **press 55**, this lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

See the below guides for more information.

[https://policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent\\_solution\\_guide.pdf](https://policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_guide.pdf)

Link to Poster - [https://policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent\\_solution\\_poster.pdf](https://policeconduct.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Documents/research-learning/Silent_solution_poster.pdf)

IF YOU CALL 999 FROM A LANDLINE - Because it's less likely that 999 calls are made by accident from landlines, the Silent Solution system is not used. When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about where you're calling from should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

## **7. Advice for schools on responding to online challenges**

Childnet Education Team has recently seen an increase in the number of teachers asking them about online challenges and crazes.

We have written this advice for professionals on how to respond to this and any other craze or hoax they may come across.

Online challenges and crazes have become a key trend to be aware of when supporting and educating young people about how to stay safe online. Challenges come in many forms and can involve upsetting, harmful or viral content.

Over the last few years we have seen a range of online challenges. Some, such as the ASL Ice Bucket Challenge and the No Makeup Selfie, can promote and raise

money for great causes. However, other challenges such as 'pain challenges', and 'Neck Nominate' videos can harm young people and adults who take part.

It is important that whether a challenge is rumored or real, educators have the tools they need and are ready to deal with such challenges and are able to support young people.

Following the link 8 top tips for responding to viral challenges and crazes in schools  
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/-advice-for-schools-on-responding-to-online-challenges>

## **8. Childnet Film Competition 2019. - Closing Date Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Open to all UK schools and youth organisations, our annual competition invites all young people aged 7-18 to take on the challenge of creating a short film about internet safety. All films must showcase positive and inspiring use of the internet and clearly reflect our chosen theme.

As the competition turns 10 this year, our theme is all about celebrating the internet and creating a message which reflects safe and positive online behaviour for the next 10 years and beyond.

**OUR FUTURE ONLINE *what can we all do to make our future internet a great and safe place?***

Our Primary category theme is: The internet belongs to me and this is how it's going to be

Our Secondary category theme is: What's your vision for a better internet?

Once again our judging panel will be looking out for films which are the most creative, inspiring and have a clear message. By taking part, you will be creating something that can educate your peers. The three selected finalists from both the primary and secondary age category will be invited to a private screening at London's BFI where they will be presented with great prizes for their school or youth organisation to award them for their creative achievements!

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/film-competition/2019>

## **9. Breck's Last Game Film – Fantastic new resource to educate young people about the grooming process.**

Breck Bednar was a 14-year-old boy from Surrey who, like many boys of his age, loved technology and computer games and spent lots of time 'gaming', often playing against other online 'friends' as part of a wider virtual group.

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/police-forces/surrey-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/2018/brecks-last-game-film/>

<https://youtu.be/hZIYSCE-ZjY>

<http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/tv/murdergames/MG-Teacher-Backgrounder.pdf>

**10. Youth Crime Commission** - The Big Conversation Conference provided the opportunity for members of the Cheshire Youth Commission to feed back on their extensive consultation with more than 2000 young people in the county.

<https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/news/news/police-commissioner-brings-key-partners-together-to-hear-what-issues-matter-to-young-people/>

The Youth Commission will be recruiting new members later this year; Anyone aged 14-25 years who is currently resident of the Cheshire policing area - including Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington can apply to become a member. They are looking for people who will be good team players, who will be committed to the project and willing to do all the activities involved. We are also very keen to ensure that the Youth Commission is made up of a diverse group of young people who broadly reflect the make-up of the local population, including those who may have direct experience of the police and justice system

<https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-im-doing/get-involved/cheshire-youth-commission/>

## **11. Collaborate Digital Finalists Event- Voting now open –**

There were 120 entries submitted for our campaign this year. 17 finalists were selected from across Cheshire and invited to Cheshire Fire - Safety Central for a celebration event where all the creations were shared as part of an activity day.

This project is significantly different in that it is the voices, opinions and research of lots of young people across our area. As it is young people sharing their views and messages does seem particularly impactful. One of the aims of the project is to increase awareness of Knife Crime, encourage a wider community involvement and try to reach as many people as much as possible of all age.

Voting has now opened for the final stage of the competition. You can view all of the finalist entries following this link:

<http://collaboratedigital.com/vote/>

**Thank you for taking the time to read this bulletin, which I hope you have found useful.**

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