

Participation – Children and Young People’s Voices

Moderator: Niall Muldoon - Ombudsman for Children, Ireland

Panel Session

- **Wyred’** - An H2020 EU wide Project empowering Children and Young People to engage as leaders, researchers and influencers of the online space - Mairead McMullen and Mary O’Reilly, Early Years and Paul Butler, Partners for Youth Empowerment (PYE).





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Empowerment in the Digital society

Children's Rights in a Digital World

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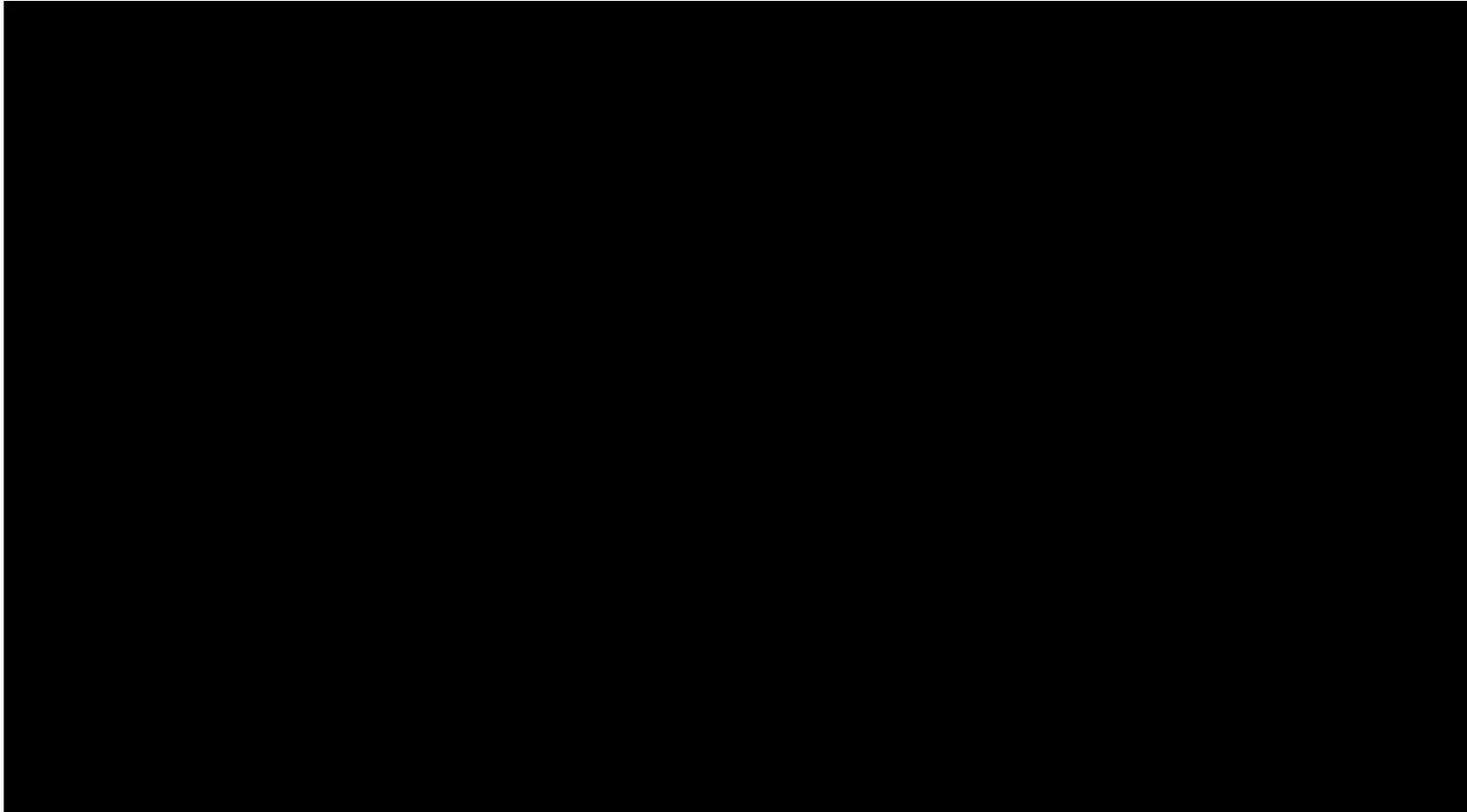
WYRED PROJECT
Giving children a voice
within digital society



WYRED

WYRED –
An H2020 EU wide Project
empowering Children and Young
People to engage as leaders,
researchers and influencers of the
online space







Partners

- University of Salamanca (ES)
- MOVES (AT)
- OXFAM Italia (IT)
- YEU (BE)
- EARLY YEARS (NI/UK)
- PYE Global (UK)
- DOGA Schools (TR)
- Tel Aviv University (IL)
- Boundaries Observatory (UK)

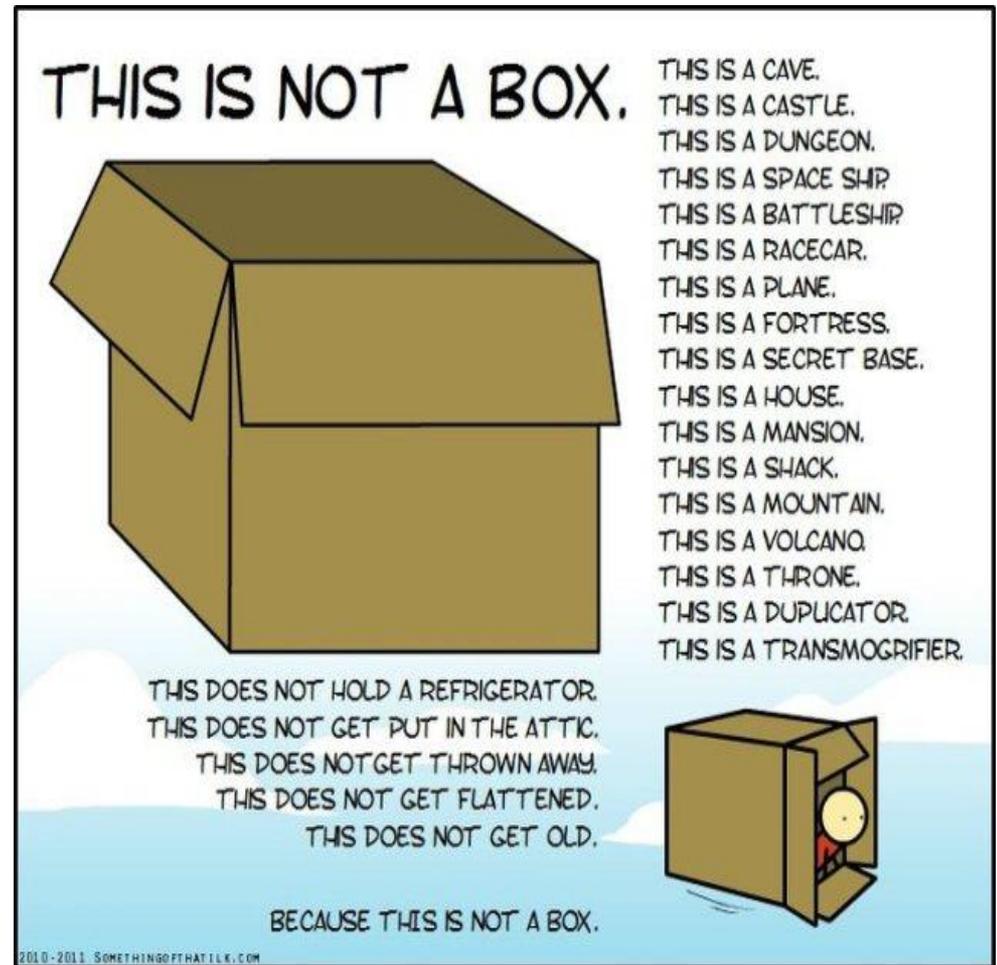


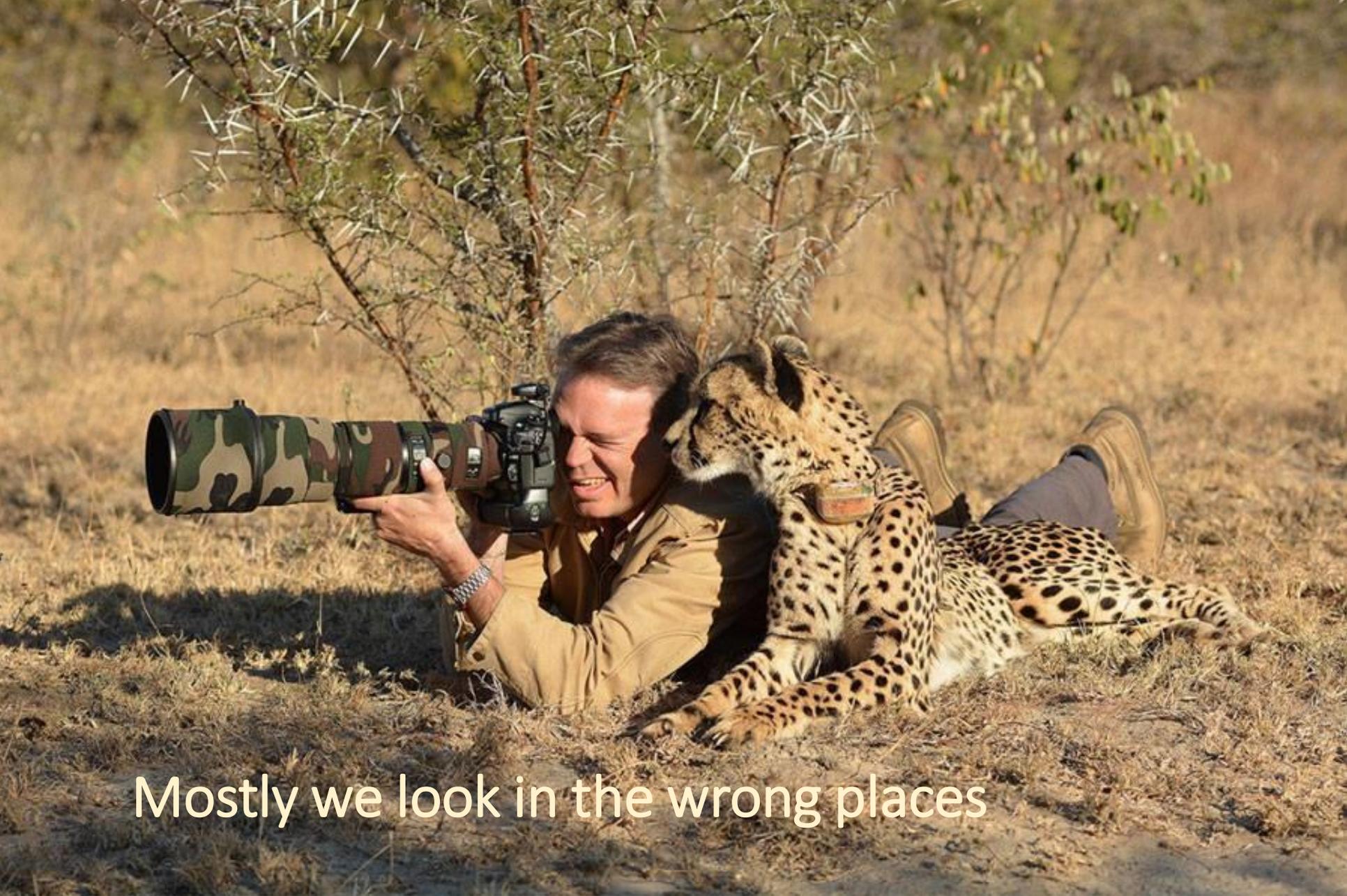
The research

Shifting understandings
of key notions in digital
world

...trust, freedom,
privacy, communication,
rights, relationships...

**What do young people
understand?**





Mostly we look in the wrong places

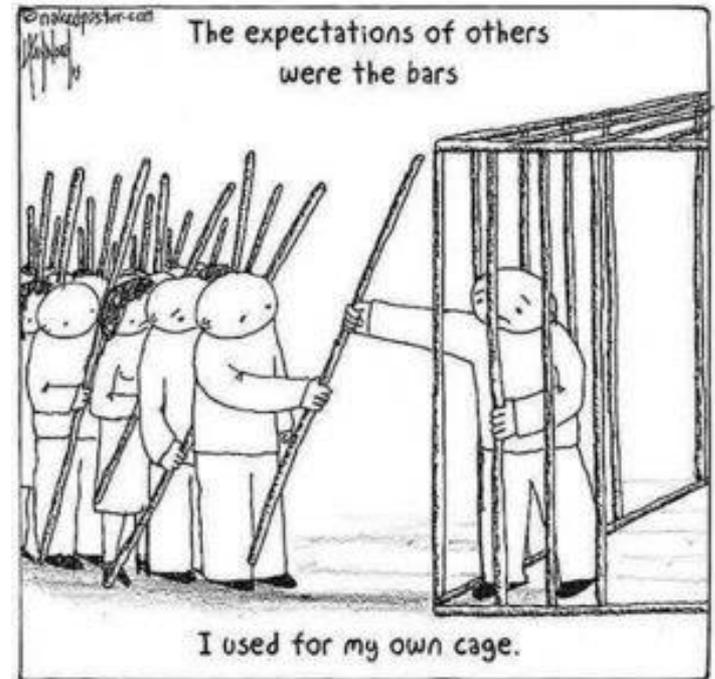
THE PROBLEM WITH RESEARCH

Most research is disempowering

Most research assumes “steady state”

Much social research steals the voice of the subject (and loses it)

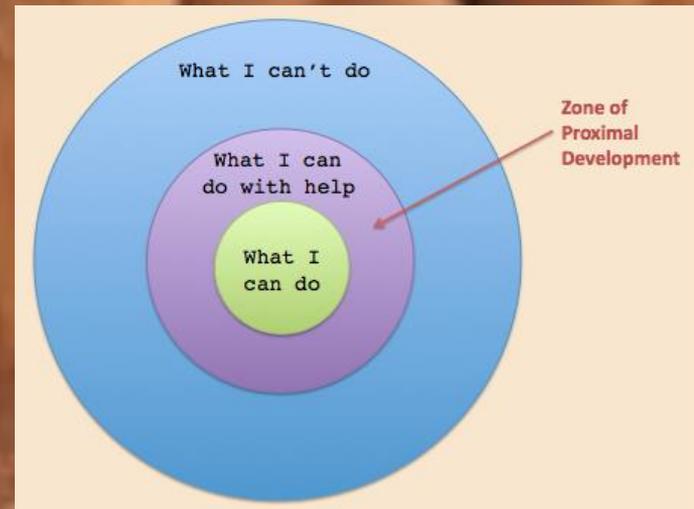
This is unethical, and we learn little that is useful.



A SOLUTION

The notion of the ZPD

Project staff as facilitators, providers of spaces/frameworks/scaffolding for the research.





ARC OF WYRED METHODOLOGY

Networking to

Dialogue to

Research to

Interpretation to

Networking to

Dialogue to

Research to

Interpretation to

Networking to

Dialogue to

Research to

Interpretation to....

Inclusion

Diversity



RESEARCH
CYCLE

Stakeholders, Children & Young People





Consultation with up to 2000 children and young people about their issues of concern

Most YP believe that the society in 2030 will be much better if their voice is heard by decision makers.



WYRED Projects- over 1800 children and young people have participated in WYRED research projects in 12 countries



KEY THEMES THAT HAVE BEEN SURFACED



WYRED APPROACH IN PRACTICE

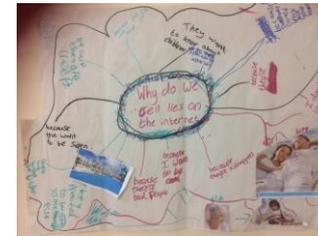
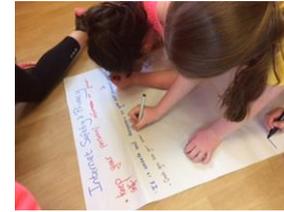
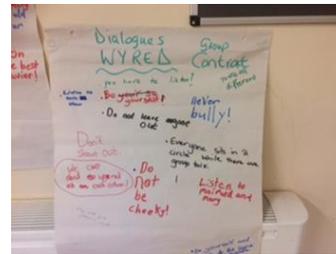
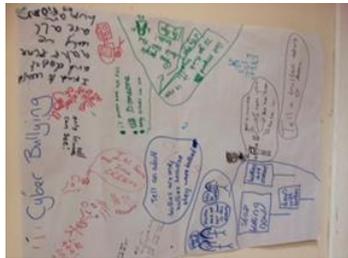
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Prioritised Topics

Self Image and self confidence
 Cyber bullying and shaming
 Internet safety and privacy

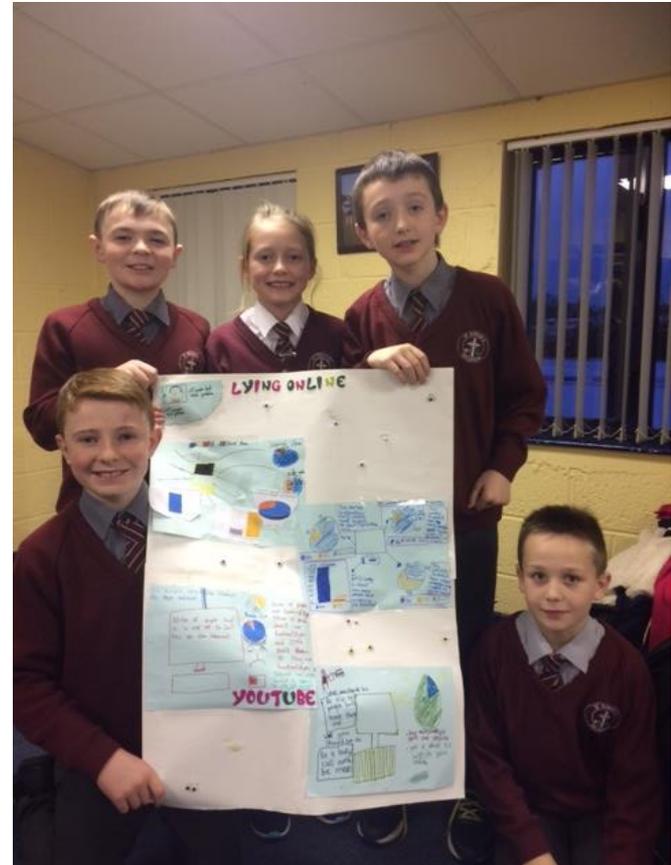
Research topics/activities

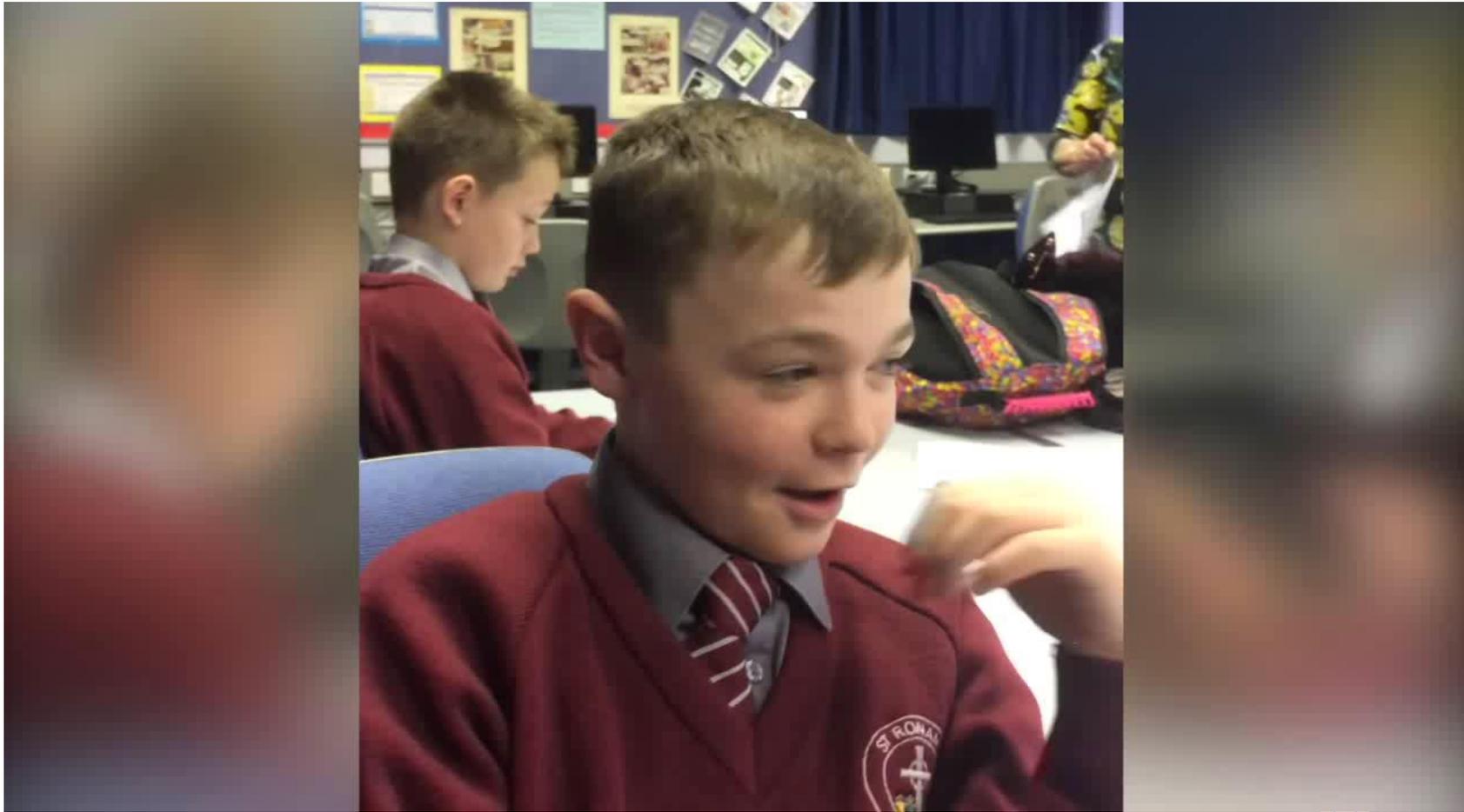
Self esteem- how does the online world affect this?
 Do children really understand when they are bullies online?
 Are children aware of keeping safe online?
 Why do children tell lies on the internet?



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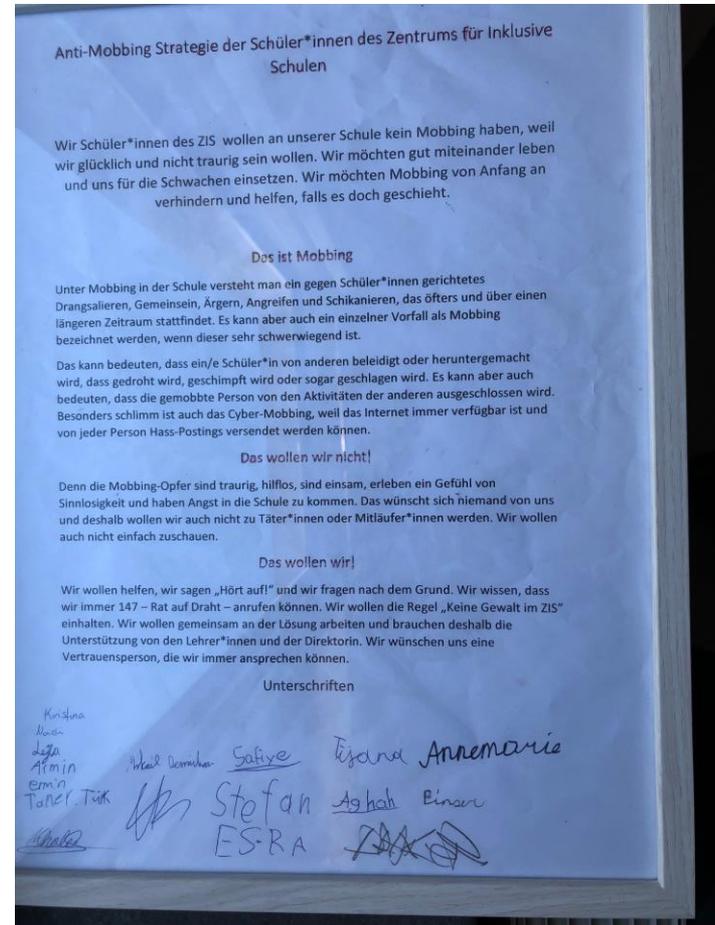
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INFLUENCERS IN THEIR SCHOOL SETTINGS



BUILDING AWARENESS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY



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DIGITAL PARTICIPATION AND ACTIVISM

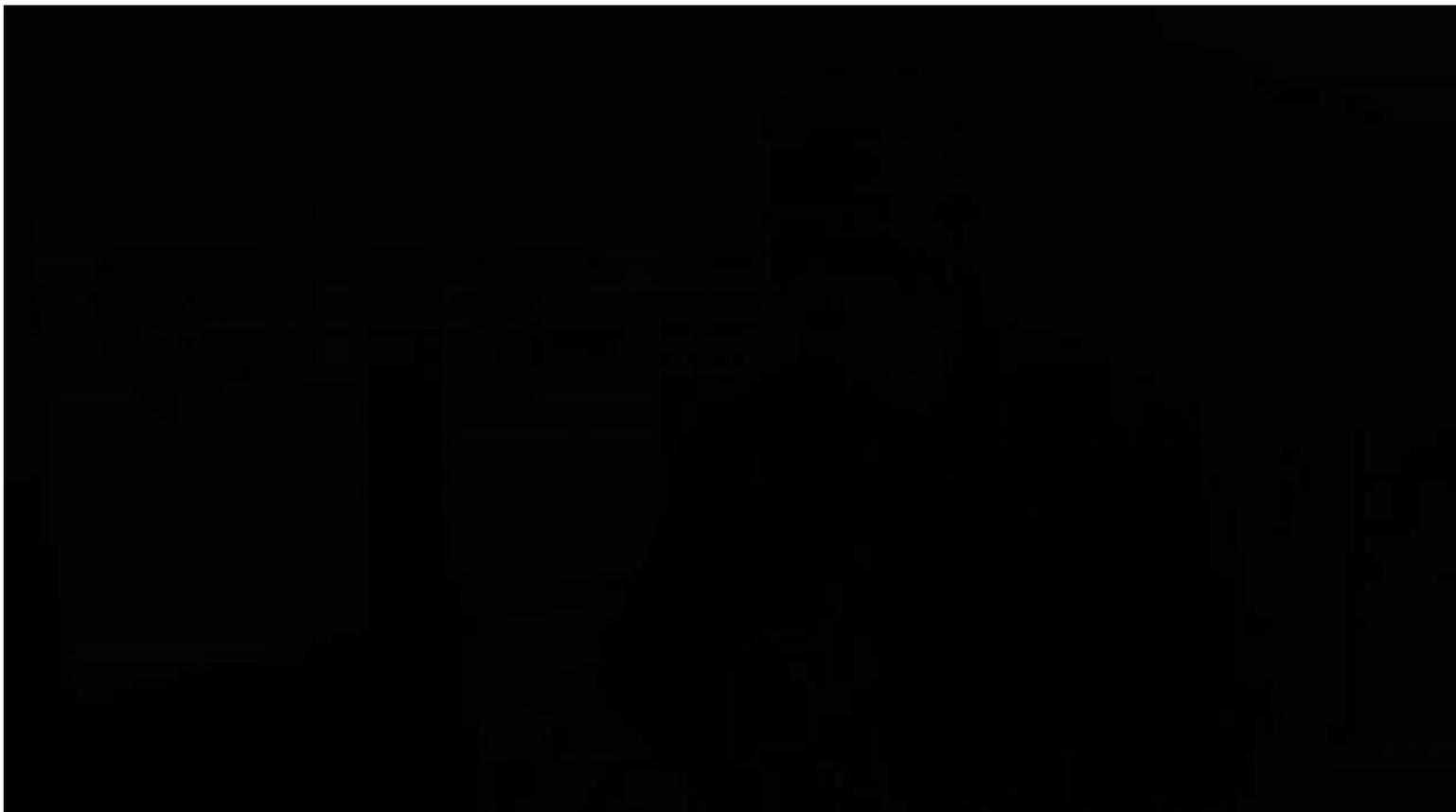




LEARNING POINTS FROM WYRED TO DATE

- Children and young people have generated real insights regarding the importance of developing coping mechanisms and understanding resilience from a young age.
- Such life-skills can then allow the child or young person to develop their online identity and relationships within their digital life in a positive manner.
- Creative approaches to promoting learning and countering exclusion can be supported by online approaches.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT





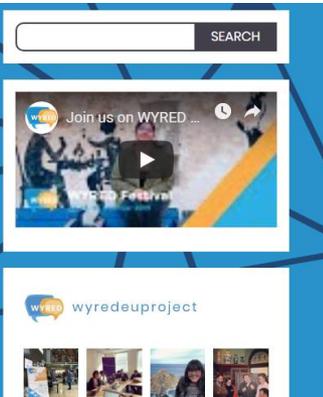
NEXT STEPS FOR WYRED PROJECT

- Continue to use WYRED methodology to allow more children and young people to benefit from the approach
- Connect more children and young people through activities such as international conversations and online festival
- Engage stakeholders in discussions about lessons and learning from our work
- Ensure that we are documenting a sustainable set of practices that lead to concrete outcomes for children and young people
- Promote the WYRED Association to ensure a sustainable future for the methods, toolkits and platform

Children and young people's rights in the Digital Society

When? 10 to 30 September

A key outcome from the experience of C+YP's involvement within WYRED has been that they have been empowered to examine their digital lives and to pose important questions about where their voice could and should be heard. Within this fortnight of activity, we are inviting C+YP to further reflect on these examples in order to elaborate the most important means by which they can become effective influencers about their digital lives. This can relate to their schools, youth centres, family environments and in wider society.



Online Conversations

Online festival

3 days – 22-24 October 2019

Online activities will take place from 10:00 until 16:00 CET
Talks, roundtables, Q&A, video competitions

Registration is open!
Totally free
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Online Festival

	22 October Internet Safety and Information	23 October Gender and Self-image	24 October Digital participation and Living in Social Media
10:00 am	Opening 10:00 am - 10:15 am Introduction to the WYRED Project and launch of the Online	Streamed keynote 10:00 am - 11:00 am What is STEM and why is it important for digitalisation and future work?	Streamed keynote 10:00 am - 11:00 am Prof. Helle Rootzen DTU Professor in Learning Technology and Digitalization and head of learnT DTU, Copenhagen
10:30 am	Introduce the day's theme 10:15 am - 11:00 am Timed poll		
11:00 am	Webinar: Digital Footprint and Cyberbullying 11:00 am - 11:30 am	Initiatives presentations 11:00 am - 12:00 pm People across Europe to present initiatives related to gender in STEM	Project presentations 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Living on social media including video about influencers
11:30 am	Keynote from NICCY Commissioner 11:30 am - 12:45 pm		



WYRED ONLINE FESTIVAL- COME AND JOIN US





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