

## **National Assembly for Wales Cross Party Group on Childhood Sexuality, Sexualisation and Equality.**

**Date:** 10 February 2015

**Venue:** Y Senedd. Media briefing Room.

**Present:** Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair).

Ruth Mullineux (NSPCC), Emma Renold (Cardiff University), Sangeet Bullah (Wise Kids), Pupils from St Teilo's Church in Wales high School.

Rhayna Pritchard (AMSS to Jocelyn Davies AM), Angharad Lewis (Communications Officer to Jocelyn Davies AM).

Tina Reece (Welsh Women's Aid), Natalie Brimble (Tros Gynnal Plant), Sara Reid (Children Are Unbeatable Cymru), Menna Thomas (Barnardo's), Hywel William (AIM Group (UK) Ltd), Andy Wood (Welsh Government), Christina Parker (Welsh Women's Aid), Rebecca Griffiths (Children's Commissioner), Siriol Burford (Educational Wellbeing Consultant), Andrew Buttle (St Teilo's Church In Wales High School), Vicky Edwards (Cardiff University), Carlos Velasco (Cardiff University), Joanna Wilkinson (Cardiff University).

### **Apologies**

Leanne Wood AM, Janet Finch-Saunders AM, Phil Walker (The Survivors Trust), Katrina Rohman (Foster Care Co-operative), Johanna Robinson (The Survivors Trust).

### **1 Welcome**

Welcome by Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair).

### **2 Ruth Mullineux - Keeping Children Safe Online & NSPCC Share Aware Campaign**

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/?utm\\_source=utm\\_internalcomms&utm\\_medium=utm\\_emailsig&utm\\_content=utm\\_emailsig1&utm\\_campaign=ShareAware2014](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/?utm_source=utm_internalcomms&utm_medium=utm_emailsig&utm_content=utm_emailsig1&utm_campaign=ShareAware2014)

### **3 Short discussion on internet safety.**

Siriol Burford – Young people feel internet safety should be taught in schools; internet safety should be a statutory part of the curriculum. Parents want more information on internet safety. 95% of pupils carry mobile phones to school (Super Survey).

Andrew Battle – Schools face a problem with Sexting. Banning phones from school hasn't worked, we need to look at embracing the technology or at least accepting it.



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4 **Presentation by the pupils of St Teilo's Church in Wales High School.**



NSPCC Net Aware St Teilo's session.pptx

5 **Professor Emma Renold - Sexual harassment in young cyber-relationships: research, policy and change**

Professor Renold discussed three welsh based research projects:

- I. Research by Cardiff University has revealed how pre-teen boys and girls feel about growing up in an increasingly sexist society.

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/news/view/boys-and-girls-speak-out-on-sexism-and-sexual-harassment-27796>

<http://blogs.cardiff.ac.uk/socsi/2014/03/07/research-impact-in-action/>

- II. The Productive Margins Programme in Wales is The Heads of the Valleys Project: Developing Methods for Engagement. Members of CISHeW (Dr Eva Elliott; Dr Gareth Thomas), SOCSI (Prof Emma Renold), UPSI (Prof Martin Innes, Eve Exley, Dr Trudy Lowe), and the University of Aberdeen (Prof Gabrielle Ivinson) have been involved in a research project on young peoples' experiences of safety, health/wellbeing, regulation, and place in Merthyr Tydfil.

<http://cishew.co.uk/projects/productive-margins/>

- III. **Making Healthy relationships Matter.**

<http://youngsexualities.org/researcher-database/>

6. **Dr. Sangeet Bhullar - Key Findings of Generation 2000 report: Internet and digital media habits and digital literacy of over 2000 Year 9 pupils across Wales.**

Some of the key findings include:

- Technology provision in schools is lagging behind and needs to improve. Only 44% of children think their schools have good technology for lessons.
- Welsh speaking children say they want more online resources in Welsh.
- There is a disconnect between pupils' digital habits at home and in school.
- Schools need to rethink how they engage with pupils in digital literacy and online safety.
- Parents also need to become more digitally savvy, so they can support their children to use the Internet effectively and safely.
- Children are creative and confident in dealing with the inevitable negative aspects of the Internet, developing a range of active coping strategies.
- Smart phone and tablet use is linked to higher skills and take up of activities.

<http://wisekids.org.uk/wk/new-1st-dec-2014-generation-2000-research-findings/>

**7. Discussion and close by Jocelyn Davies AM (Chair).**

“Young people often understand more about staying safe on the internet than their parents. But that doesn’t mean that young people don’t need support to understand the messages they encounter online and the dangers of sharing too much. It highlights how important it is that our children and young people are given age-appropriate, comprehensive education about healthy relationships and respect. So I urge the Welsh Government to make a whole-school approach to healthy relationships education mandatory.”

Jocelyn Davies AM.