

UK Youth Online

explore youth work and youth engagement in a digital age

September 27th 2008. 10am till 5pm

Kingsgate House, Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SW

UK Youth Online will be a gathering of practitioners, innovators, academics and managers to explore how services for young people can respond to the massive growth of the interactive internet and its impact on young people's lives.

Through **discussion, demonstrations, presentations** and opportunities for hands-on idea development we will:

- uncover and share cutting edge practice and ideas;
- develop a clear vision of the opportunities and challenges for youth work and youth participation in a digital world;
- share tools and techniques for working with young people and the web;
- innovate and come away with new plans for action, and even newly developed tools we can use;

We'll be using an 'unconference' open space format. That means that instead of a series of pre-planned speakers and presentations participants will be able to offer to run sessions to share their questions and their knowledge.

There will be sessions covering at least four key themes:

Online safety and opportunity

How do we make sure the social web does not lead young people to harm? How do we make sure young people are making the most of the digital opportunities available to them.

Sessions may include:

'Youth Work and Social Networking – findings from research'
'Discussion: What are the right online safety messages?'
'HowTo: ideas for youth work sessions on online safety and opportunity'

Projects: youth work 2.0

New online technologies have amazing potential as tools in work with young people. Online video, interactive mapping, social networking, podcasting. We'll explore practical applications of these tools.

Sessions may include:

'HowTo: Podcasting with young people'
'Discussion: Getting around the blocks – how do you use online tools when your internet access is filtered?'

Participation and engagement online

Web 2.0 is all about participation. So how do services working with young people make the most of social media and social networks to engage young people in decision making and social action.

Sessions may include:

'Case study: Engaging young people from across rural Devon'
'Discussion: Online video for participation and campaigning'
'Social Media Clinic: tools for online engagement'

Promotion: getting services known

Social media provides new opportunities for services working with young people to promote what they do – both advertising positive activity opportunities to young people, and proving to the community the value of what they do.

Sessions may include:

'Demo: PLINGS – places to go, things to do interactive directory'
'HowTo: Using twitter to keep young people updated'

You are invited:

- **To come and take part** The event will take place on a Saturday September 27th in central London and participation is free. See the sign-up details at the bottom of this page
- **To suggest a session** - Got something to show? A question to explore? An idea you want to talk about. Pitch it in as a session for the day.
- **Get involved in the planning** - or sponsor the event to help us keep places free. You can join discussions taking place at <http://ukyouthonline.ning.com> or get in touch with Tim to talk about sponsorship (tim@practicalparticipation.co.uk / 07834 856 303)

Register to take part at <http://www.ukyouthonline.org>

UK Youth Online is being organised by a small band of volunteers passionate about supporting positive uses of new technologies in social settings. It is being run on a not-for-profit basis. For more information contact tim@practicalparticipation.org or phone 07834 856 303.