



Professional insights into E-Safety for young people with disabilities – audio clip transcripts.

Background

These audio clips capture with-the-moment thoughts of experienced staff from the East Midlands Specialist College E-Safety Project group.

Marilyn Nunney (Assistant Principal, Hinwick Hall College)

One thing that might be worth talking about, would be the fact that; for our learners, who have gone through their whole life needing support – of one type another – from various professionals and staff and parents and support workers. They're used to trusting people, because there's always somebody there to help them. So it makes the concept of, 'you need to be careful who you can trust online', quite a difficult concept, when you're just used to people being there to help you and not doing you any harm.

Norma Curtis (Quality Improvement Manager, RNIB College Loughborough)

I think the first thing to remember – and the thing the Learners told us was most important to them; is that as Learners with disabilities, as people with disabilities, they've sometimes been discriminated against. For example, sites are filtered or they're protected or they're over-protected from accessing some areas of life – namely by meeting people, for example, over the Internet. And for our Learners, they felt that was discriminatory, because they have the same rights as anybody else and the same capabilities of making sensible decisions about who and who they do not meet over the Internet. So, rather than being restricted, they wanted us to facilitate this. But, they also recognized, at the same time, that there might be risks involved – and they asked us to make sure that risk assessments were in place for them - so they really did understand when they should and when they should not meet somebody over the Internet.





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