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The booklet is part of group work of participants at the Seminar, developed as a tool to combat human rights violations and promote inclusion in onlineenvironment.

It is a practical publication for youth leaders and youth workers to intervene in hate speech online issues and will foster promotion of diversity online

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*(How to raise awareness to protect human rights online & provide solutions for human rights violations online)*

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — *Edmund Burke*

Human rights stand for humanity.
Respect other people.
Do not be passive.

"The General Assembly proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction." - **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

All 30 articles here:
http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/

**What about Human Rights online?**
Basically most of human rights appears and can be violated online as well!

*Freedom of speech vs. protection of morality*
*Protection of privacy vs. Cybercrime*
*Right to knowledge vs. protection of intellectual property*
*Website blocking and filtering*
*Content manipulation*
*Cyber attacks*
*etc.*

## Human Rights violations online

- In KU v. Finland [2008] ECHR 2872/02, the European Court of Human Rights held that there was a violation of articles 8 and 13 of the Human Rights Convention when an ISP refused to provide the identity of an individual who published a sexually explicit advertisement (Ad) involving a minor.
- NSA spying violates 'basic human rights'. "Unwarranted government surveillance is an intrusion on basic human rights that threatens the very foundations of a democratic society," - Tim Berners.
- Taking away a society's freedom of access to information is a violation of basic human rights but at the same time an offense that can never possibly work as it is always technically possible to overcome such bans. The Media Association's Internet committee completed a report in July on Internet censorship in Turkey that called for amending Law No. 5651, which regulates the Internet, in a manner that would support freedom of thought and expression and in accordance with the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime. The report said that although access bans never work, the practice of forbidding websites blemishes the image of Turkey as a democratic nation.

## Human rights online - good practice

- "The Internet has become an essential tool for many people in their everyday lives. It is imperative that people can use the Internet with freedom and confidence.
- An open, inclusive, safe and enabling environment must go hand in hand with a maximum of rights and services subject to a minimum of restrictions and a level of security which users are entitled to expect.
- Freedom of expression and information regardless of frontiers is an overarching requirement because it acts as a catalyst for the exercise of other rights, as is the need to address threats to the rule of law, security and dignity." - *Internet Governance, Council of Europe Strategy 2012-2015*.

## Activities for Non-formal Education

➢ Raise questions. Make people think.

You can be robbed. Somebody can steal your passport. You can forget your keys with address in the bar. You can be bullied in school. Do you think it can happen only OFFLINE? Your rights can be easily violated online as well. Discuss: Are there any differences between human rights online and offline.

Make participants think out of the box, discuss the movie "Untraceable" (not recommended to teenagers and children) – can a right to a life can be violated by internet?

➢ Make an intervention game.

Divide people into pairs. Tell them to collect all information they can find through Google and all social media sources (Facebook, Tumblr, etc.). They can use name, surname and email for searching information. Let them present their findings. Has a person known all that information about him? Has he or she seen a list of sources where that information is provided.

Discuss the meaning of privacy online.

➢ Check all computers and phones left.

Check all the devices in the room left unattended. If some of them are without password - leave a sticker saying "HACKED". How many devices have been hacked?

Raise discussion about awareness online. Explain cyber crimes (cyber attacks, identity thief).

➢ Discuss hate speech topic.

Show No Hate Speech Movement Campaign and their Watch. Have participants ever supported bulling and hate speech? Give a task for participants to check all posts they have liked on Facebook and Tumblr for last year. Are there any hate speech elements?

Raise a question why they liked or shared a post that but did not report about it? Spreading hate speech is not a solution.

➢ Divide participants into groups.

Tell them to take 5 photos of each member. Put those photos in different and hard to reach spots. Have all people found photos of them? Could they collect all photos?

Discuss: Is it possible to remove information that you want to delete from all internet sources.

## Solutions for human rights violation online (useful tips and tools)

✓ Would you give all information about yourself with a list of all your friends and things you like to a stranger? If no - don't make your private data on social media, like Facebook, public. Use privacy settings. Think before posting or liking.
"Good habits, a healthy dose of paranoia, and a willingness to dig through a Web site and your browser's settings panels are the best tools in your online privacy arsenal".

✓ How would you feel about having only one key to your apartment, car, and office? If you lost it, somebody would have an access to your property. If this worries you, why do you use only one password for all your accounts? Use programmes and tools that help you to keep your passwords safe, for example "1 password" programme, etc.

✓ How would you feel if somebody stole your homework or master thesis you have been working on for ages? People have the same feelings when you download their programmes, software or music illegally. Search for copyright free products. Support people whose work you are enjoying.

✓ Would you mind if somebody read an official letter from your doctor about your illness or receive your private bills? Think before using public internet connection for private information.
Use virtual keyboard for log in on public computer and do not forget to log out when you finish your job.

✓ Report about hate speech. Almost every social media has a report button. No Hate Speech Movement has Watch for reports. Approach NGO or lawyers who can deal with hate speech from legal side. Sharing and liking is not a solution. Stop it.

✓ Browse, explore, and read. Search for tools and software that can help protect your privacy an identity online. Education is the best long term solution. You can find a lot of useful information online – from human rights definition to guidelines and advices. Use it. Share it.

✓ To deal with ripping and online copyright violation, instead of communicating with the person who is ripping your work, report them directly to the website.

To protect work online and report the unauthorized use of a copyrighted work, the sites listed below are the best examples we have found:

Flickr >> http://help.yahoo.com/l/uk/yahoo/copyright/general.html

Photobucket >> http://photobucket.com/copyright

MySpace >> http://www.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=misc.contact

Windows Live Spaces >> https://support.live.com/eform.aspx?productKey=wlspacesabuse&ct=eformts&scrx=1

Facebook >> http://www.facebook.com/copyright.php which explains about copyright policy >> http://www.facebook.com/copyright.php#/copyright.php?notify=1

Bebo >> http://www.bebo.com/ContactUs.jspwhich you can use without being signed Multiply >> http://multiply.com/info/inquiry

Zedge >> http://www.zedge.net/contact/

**Links:**

- Booklet – how to stay safe and secure when using the internet – whether dealing with scams, spam, banking or bullying http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/21562/Protecting-Yourself-Online-What_Everyone_Needs_to_Know.pdf
- International Protection Of Human Rights On-Line http://www.academia.edu/2392030/International_Protection_of_Human_Rights_On-Line_Key_Problems
- Internet Governance, Council of Europe Strategy 2012-2015: http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/cooperation/economiccrime/cybercrime/Documents/Internet%20Governance%20Strategy/Internet%20Governance%20Strategy%202012%20-%202015.pdf
- Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/17session/A.HRC.17.27_en.pdf
- Cyber crimes: http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-attorney-generals-office/community-programs/cyber-crime-and-internet-safety/
- Protecting privacy online: http://www.fastcompany.com/1648478/online-privacy-check-yourself-you-wreck-yourself
- No Hate Speech Movement: http://act4hre.coe.int/no-hatehttp://www.nohatespeechmovement.org/
- Social media and human rights: https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1904319

- http://act4hre.coe.int/eng/No-hate-speech-movement/News-Archive/Starting-points-for-Combating-Hate-Speech-Online.