

CONFERENCE

THURSDAY
08
FEBRUARY
09:30-16:15

Digital Safeguarding

Course outline

Safeguarding in the online space continues to evolve along with technology and how individuals use technology for good or harm. Keeping up with the latest developments in technology, how they are being used (and abused) is a challenge for any safeguarding practitioner. The safeguarding community must remain vigilant and ensure that policy, practice and horizon scanning remain high on the agenda for safety.

This year's Sacpa digital safeguarding conference promises to bring you the latest developments from experts in the field with a particular focus on safeguarding in the context of web3 technologies. You will explore a range of perspectives on practice, and access the latest resources from research to support your practice.

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Digital Safeguarding Conference

Thursday, February **08**, 2024

SESSION 1 09:30 - 10:15 **Filtering and monitoring: do you have all the bases covered?**
Clare Dan, Director, SACPA and Safeguarding Director, BSA Group

- David Wright, CEO, SWGfL

We know that education settings have been working for some time to implement filtering and monitoring as well as cyber security compliance. To what extent should this duty apply to other settings and what can we learn from successful implementations. Our speakers review a broad range of the requirements.

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

SESSION 2 10:30 - 11:30 **Welcome to our virtual worlds: fun, relaxation, inclusive access, therapy - but only some of the time**
Dale Wilkins, Senior Director, BSA

- Nina Jane Patel, Co-founder and President of Research, Kabuni

This session explores the benefits of virtual worlds and how they are being employed in providing fun and aiding therapy for children and young people who have mental health challenges

11:30 - 11:45 **Break**

SESSION 3 11:45 - 12:30 **Children's rights, responsibilities and adult's safeguarding and advocacy duties**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA and Safeguarding Director, BSA Group

- Will Gardner OBE, CEO, Childnet International

This session explores the importance of children's participation and the voice of the child in tackling online harms. How do adults with welfare duties strike the right balance between promoting children's rights in online spaces, advocating for children's rights and ensuring their safety.

12:30 - 13:15 **Lunch**

SESSION 4 13:15 - 14:15 **How do web3 and AI impact my safeguarding practice**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA and Safeguarding Director, BSA Group

- Victoria Green, Marie Collins Foundation
- Laura Knight, Director of Digital Learning at Berkhamsted School

What are web3 and AI technologies and how does our safeguarding practice flex and evolve to meet the need. Our panel will centre their discussion around a case study example, and debate the safeguarding responses and training needs of safeguarding professionals.

14:15 - 14:30 **Break**

SESSION 5 14:30 - 15:15 **The Metaverse: what do children want**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA and Safeguarding Director, BSA Group

- Dr Elena Martellozzo, Associate Professor in Criminology at centre for Child Abuse and Trauma Studies (CATS), Middlesex University
- Paula Bradbury, Senior Researcher - Centre for Abuse & Trauma Studies, Middlesex University

Our expert speakers review online risks with a particular focus on the metaverse. Early findings of the VIRAAC project qualitative work with children, what they say their experiences are, and what they want from adults to support their online safety will be highlighted.

SESSION 6 15:15 - 16:15 **2024: what's new in online safety**
Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA and Safeguarding Director, BSA Group

- Karl Hopwood, Independent E-safety Expert, E-safety Ltd

Session brief: This session explores what is new in online safety in 2024 and what is on the horizon that we should be planning and risk assessing for.

16:15 **Conference close**

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