

Young people create award-winning films to inspire others around the country.

Online safety films created by young people are set to be used as educational resources across the UK, as Childnet announce winners of the 2019 national online safety Film Competition.

[2nd July 2019] Today leading online safety charity Childnet announced the winners of the tenth annual Childnet Film Competition. Representatives from government, industry, charities and wider attended the event alongside the competition finalists at the British Film Institute (BFI).

Each year the Childnet Film Competition invites schools and youth organisations from across the UK to capture their internet safety messages in a short film. The two winning films and four finalists will be decided by a panel of industry experts and will see their films used to educate other young people about online safety and inspire others to use the internet positively and safely.

Childnet Film Competition inspiring young people since 2010

For the past 10 years the Childnet Film Competition has harnessed the positive role of peer-to-peer education and provide a creative and inclusive approach to empower and inspire young people aged 7-18 to use technology safely, positively and creatively.

With over 100 entries across both the primary and secondary categories, this year we have seen young people create an amazing variety of films ranging from news reports to animations. The films look at young people's vision for a better internet, and the young people have been very creative in thinking about some key things a safer internet in the future looks like to them.

The winners of this year's Film Competition were **Sandown Primary School** in the primary category with their film '[The Internet Belongs to me, and this is how its going to be](#)'. In the secondary category the winners were **Christleton High School** with their film '[New Tools, Better Outcomes](#)'.

This year BBC Own It will also showcase the finalists' films, providing a unique opportunity for the young people to reach even more of their peers with their online safety messages.

Will Gardner, CEO of Childnet, said:

"Over the last 10 years we have seen some amazing films entered in the competition, and it is so exciting to see how these have changed over the years. The 2019 Film Competition has seen some really inspiring entries, which show creative skills and a real passion for online safety and educating their peers. Each year we run this competition we have had great support, including from our excellent team of judges.

We have seen the impact that these films can have, with many schools across the UK using them as educational tools. The event today was a great opportunity for the young people to see their films on the big screen at the BFI and to celebrate their creativity and achievements."

The Minister Nadhim Zahawi MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, gave his thoughts on the event:

"The competition's theme, "Our Future Online", is one that we fully support at the Department for Education. Well done on putting your time, energy and creativity into coming up with ideas for making the internet a better place for us all. (...)Whoever wins today, you are all inspiring. Wherever I go in the UK, I am always energised and rejuvenated by meeting young people like you. And it fills me with confidence for the future of our internet knowing that it will be in your generation's hands."

Judged by a panel of experts

The films were judged by **Lisa Prime** Children's Events Programmer at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), **Catherine McAllister** Head of Safeguarding and Child Protection BBC Children's, **David Austin OBE** Chief Executive at the BBFC, and **Joanna van der Meer** Film Tutor and Family Learning Programmer at BFI Southbank.

The winning films from the Childnet Film Competition can be viewed here:

www.childnet.com/film-competition

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Childnet Film Competition

Childnet's Film Competition is now in its tenth year, it is delivered as part of Childnet's work in the UK Safer Internet Centre and is supported by the European Commission. The Film Competition encourages young people aged 7-18 to create a short film to educate their peers about staying safe online. The project engages schools in using new technology for creative and positive uses and equips young people with the skills they need to become confident digital creators. Through the process, the young people create valuable resources to educate their peers about staying safe online and develop their own understanding of what it means to be a good digital citizen.

If you would like any more information visit www.childnet.com/film-competition

The 2019 Primary Finalists are:

- 1st Place: Sandown Primary School - The internet belongs to me and this is how it is going to be
- 2nd Place: Belthorn Academy Primary School - Childnet Report
- 3rd Place: Bromley High Junior School - Our Future Online

The 2019 Secondary Finalists are:

- 1st Place: Christleton High School - New Tools, Better Outcomes
- 2nd Place: South Hampstead High School - The Adventures of Mr Button Man
- 3rd Place: Super 8 Stage and Screen School - InterYet To Come

About Childnet International

Childnet is a UK charity that empowers children, families and schools in the digital age, its vision is to make the internet a great and safe place for children. Launching in 1995, it speaks to thousands of children, parents and teachers every year; creates innovative educational resources; and delivers projects to empower young people to have their say and take the lead in helping to create a better internet. It achieves a wider impact through influencing best practice and policy, both in the UK and internationally. As one of three charities in the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet coordinates Safer Internet Day, which reaches millions of UK children every year.