



Media release

Staying Safe Online

A group of campaigners from Derby College have decided to use media positively to help young people stay safe online.

The students have worked with Fixers, a national charity championing the potential of young people, to create a video offering advice on how to identify and deal with online issues.

It is aimed specifically at those with additional support needs like themselves.

Watch the film [here](#).

‘We want to spread awareness of online dangers, and to show people how they can avoid them, because so many people use the internet nowadays for things like job hunting and that is so important,’ explained Jessica Ogelsby, 16, from Derby.

Their video provides tips on the best ways to avoid getting caught out online, suggesting young people use well known job sites and increase their social media privacy settings, as well as encouraging them to be careful in what they post online.

Jack Davis, 17, is also part of the group enrolled on the ‘Pathway to working life programme’, and has had experience of malicious online behaviour.

‘I play a lot of games, and I once had someone manage to gain access to my game library online,’ he explains. ‘We want to help people so they don’t get scammed, and have their personal information shared across the internet.’

Liam Fitzpatrick is a teaching assistant at the college, and explains why tackling these issues is so important.

‘Our programme is very responsive to the needs of the students, and aims to raise awareness of off-curriculum topics, such as internet safety, to build their foundational knowledge. It’s a very holistic approach.’

This project was funded by the [Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner](#).

Fixers works with young people aged 16-25 across the UK by providing them with professional resources to help them campaign on issues they feel strongly about.

The charity has helped more than 21,000 youngsters across the UK to have a voice in their community on issues such as cyber-bullying, self-harm, suicide or transphobia.

For more information or to make a donation to fund more Fixer projects, visit www.fixers.org.uk

Pictures attached: Jack Davis, Jess Ogelsby and a group picture of the students. Please credit Fixers UK.

For more images, interviews or information, please contact Lucy Tatchell on lucytatchell@fixers.org.uk or call 01962 790045

Notes to editors

About Fixers:

- Since 2008 more than 23,000 young people have become Fixers and created over 2,500 projects. With a £7.2 million grant from the Big Lottery Fund, Fixers extended from England into Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland as well in 2013.
- There are lots more stories about young people doing great things on the Fixers website, Twitter and Facebook pages:
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