



## Children's Camp from the Cyprus Consumer Union & Quality of Life



The Cyprus Consumer Union and Quality of life opened off this year its own summer camp for children and teens ages 8 to 17.

Presentations were given to the participating children and teens with issues such as drugs, traffic, consumers' issues and many more. Representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, the Police and the Fire Department and of course from the Cyprus Consumer Union and Quality of Life, made the presentations.

As part of the presentation for the Safer Internet, Mr. Aristodemou gave away CyberEthics leaflets and talked to the more than 150 children on camp about the safer use of the Internet and the dangers as well as the correct use of mobile phones.

### **Latest News**

**23-24/06/2008**

#### [Insafe plus Training seminar in Copenhagen](#)

Three representatives from the CyberEthics project will take part in the Insafe training seminar that took place in Copenhagen.

**18/06/2008**

#### [CyberEthics CyBC radio appearance](#)

Today June the 18th 2008 a representative from the CyberEthics team appeared together with a representative from the University of Cyprus in CyBC radio station.

**07/03/2008**

#### [Presentation at Limassol Technical school concerning the safe and proper use of the Internet](#)

To inform the students and teachers about the safer use of the Internet

**06/03/2008**

#### [Presentation to MedHigh school primary students concerning the safe and proper use of the Internet](#)

**05/03/2008**

#### [Dinner Invitation](#)

Dinner in honor of the presenters from the Open University. Amongst the guests was the Dean of the University of Cyprus, Parliament MP Takis Hajdigeorgiou, Mayor of Aglantzia, Famous Cypriot artist Kouroushis.

**05/03/2008**

#### [TV appearance on local Limassol station Capital TV to discuss the dangers and protection of the Internet](#)

# Meet the Team

## OUR PARTNERS

In this part of the issue we present two of our partners. The next issue will shift focus to another part of our team. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with our unique yet symbiotic missions. Our strength comes from our diversity and the rich history each of us bring to the collaboration.

### FOCUS ON



The **Cyprus Consumers' Union and Quality of Life** is an Independent, Non-party, Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organization having as its prototype and spirit similar organizations of the community of citizens of the European Union. Main aims and objectives as determined in its articles of association are:

To offer an organizing form to all Cypriot consumers, without any kind of discrimination, such as sex, race, language, nationality, religion, political ideas, etc. for their protection by any and every legal means, as well as for the support and promotion of their right to have a comfortable and healthy live within a healthy and friendly developing environment, as well as of all the other rights and/ or interests, as they rise from the Cyprus legislation, the *acquis communautaire*, the international laws and the internationally recognized and guaranteed rights as part of the International Consumers Movement. To study and to undertake researches on topics and subjects affecting the consumers and having relation with the respect of their rights and/ or of their financial and other interests, as well as with their health, safety and generally life quality. To provide the consumers with information on topics that refer to the market and antagonism circumstances and especially on the selling price, the quantity, the quality, the benefits and/ or harmfulness, as well as on techniques for the correct supply, purchase, leasing and use of merchandise, goods and services of any kind and description.

### FOCUS ON



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Cyprus: National Committee for the HIV/AIDS, National Mechanism for the Rights of Woman, General Advisory Body of Organism of Youth, Council of Youth, Coordinative Council of Volunteerism, Advisory Committee for the Violence in the Family, Committee of Promotion of Sexual Education in the Education, National Committee of Population and Growth, Team Expert for Co-ordination of Energies for the Fighting of Marketing of Persons and Sexual Exploitation of Minors  
Europe: ASTRA Youth - Network of Young persons for the Sexual and Reproductive Health in Central and Eastern Europe and countries of Balkans, You ACT, Aids & Mobility Network, AIDS Action Europe, YSAFE.

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# CyberEthics News

## **Insafe *plus* Training Meeting**

The Insafe *plus* Training meeting took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The meeting was attended by 65 participants from the Insafe network, industry (PEGI, Lego, UNI-C), researchers and a representative of the European Commission (hereinafter EC).

The aim of the meeting was to provide nodes of the Insafe network with two days' training targeted to their needs. The first day of training was dedicated to online games and the new trends observed among children and their use of games. The afternoon session provided hands-on experience with computer games at the Gaming School, Denmark's first electronic sport house. Participants had the chance to work in tandem at a guitar concert, discover the World of Warcraft, keep scores in a football match, race cars, and play tennis and bowling. The overall atmosphere at the Gaming School was intense as gamers found themselves captivated by the virtual world.

The second day of the Training seminar in Copenhagen was dedicated to youth panels. The training aimed at providing nodes with information on setting up a youth panel, working with children and interpreting results of this kind of practice. For this purpose, researchers working with children were invited to speak and give their views on the various issues involved. Three working groups were organized so that participants could work closely together on topical themes. Each group was given a case study to debate, carefully prepared beforehand by the Knowledge management group, and aimed at highlighting benefits and pitfalls. The afternoon was dedicated to a hands-on session that involved interaction with a youth panel made up of young Danes aged 13-16, some of them from the Copenhagen International School.

The coordinating team compiled a training booklet (in Annex) to include all training materials and information on the sessions and speakers. The booklet included the agenda, speakers' biographies, a programme overview, a computer games fact sheet, white papers on the two themes, online games and youth panels, and a resource catalogue showcasing the most recent resources produced by nodes. The training materials are a result of the knowledge management group who met regularly online in the two months before the meeting to prepare all details of the training workshop.

The coordinating team created an awareness template for the two days' training sessions where nodes could stick post-its with their ideas and thoughts for later use on the three essential areas of awareness raising: planning, implementation and review. The coordinating node is currently examining how to implement some of the ideas, and make them more visible to the network and the broader public.

At the end of the meeting nodes were invited to fill out an evaluation questionnaire to give their feedback on the organization.



Research	European News
<p data-bbox="172 286 826 365"><b>Different views on sex, pornography, the media and young people</b></p> <p data-bbox="172 398 834 723">This publication is an anthology consisting of seven quite varied installments. Some deal with recent statistical research, some are discussions based on real-life professional experiences with young people and sexuality, some are academic cultural studies. What they all have in common is that they present different views on how young people deal with and experience the image of sexuality that media present them with.</p> <p data-bbox="172 768 834 1238">One of the most frequent questions confronting those who work with young people and sexuality is “what is normal?” and variations on that theme. Young people today feel a need to be assured that their sexuality is “normal” and that their bodies are “acceptable”. This is a recurring theme in these texts and something that needs to be explored further. The way that the human body (both female and male) is portrayed in the media sets the standard for young people and they are often dissatisfied with the way they look in comparison to the airbrushed and retouched “hard bodies” that they see every day.</p> <p data-bbox="172 1283 834 1709">The same thing applies to sexual practices, but in a more paradoxical way. On the one hand “porn sex” is displayed and has become more mainstream, which for some lead to a pressure to appreciate or even “submit” to sexual activities that they are not really comfortable with. On the other hand, this exposure of different sexual practices has also meant openness to the fact that everyone is entitled to their sexual preferences/practices, as long as it doesn’t involve things that are illegal. The term “normal” covers a much wider spectrum today compared to 30 years ago.</p> <p data-bbox="172 1753 834 2067">Pornography has become more accessible than ever before and in this publication there are some statistical findings that explore how young people consume and experience pornography today. The most striking finding is the vast gender differences, girls are considerably more negative towards pornography and they don’t watch it nearly as much or often as boys. Girls also consider pornography to be demeaning and</p>	<p data-bbox="866 286 1487 353"><b>EU puts European emergency number 112 on the map before the summer holidays</b></p> <p data-bbox="866 409 1487 723">The European Commission today stepped up its efforts to promote the use of the charge-free European emergency number 112 in the EU. As of today, the new website <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/112">ec.europa.eu/112</a> will tell citizens how to use 112 and what to expect from it, particularly when they travel within the EU. It also shows how 112 functions in each Member State: how quickly calls are answered and in which languages.</p> <p data-bbox="866 734 1487 1283"><i>“The millions of EU citizens going on holidays this summer only need to remember one emergency number: 112,”</i> said EU Telecoms Commissioner Viviane Reding. <i>“While 112 is now available in all but one country across the EU, I call on Member States to make 112 better known and more effective. All EU citizens should know they can dial 112 to reach emergency services. I especially urge those Member States yet to introduce caller location, which helps emergency services find accident victims, to do so for all 112 calls as soon as possible. I am also counting on rapid action from the Bulgarian authorities to finally make 112 available nationwide.”</i></p> <p data-bbox="866 1305 1487 1485">This February, the Commission asked national authorities to improve public awareness of 112, after a survey showed that only 22% of EU citizens know they can call 112 throughout Europe in an emergency.</p> <p data-bbox="866 1507 1487 1753">The Commission today launched the <a href="#">112 website</a> to inform citizens about the functioning of 112 in the Member States in time for the summer holidays. Based on the information provided by Member States, it compares the performance of national authorities in implementing EU rules on 112 and highlights <b>best practices</b>:</p> <ul data-bbox="866 1776 1487 2067" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Raising awareness:</b> 4 countries broadcast TV programmes promoting 112 (Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Latvia and Sweden). Finland and Romania now annually celebrate 112 day on 11 February (<a href="#">IP/08/198</a>). Other useful tools include motorway signs (Austria and Hungary), leaflets at toll points (Spain) and SMS to roaming mobile users</li> </ul>

humiliating, whereas boys find it exciting and stimulating.

Another important question explored within this anthology is the adult/societal concern. Adults are concerned with the media image of sexuality, pornography, the massive media coverage on plastic surgery etc. The question is: what is the nature of this concern? Is it a concern that young people will ape the behavior displayed in TV-shows like *Big Brother*? Is it a concern/belief that pornography encourages gang rape and other aberrant or violent behavior? Or is it an ethical/moral concern? It is of utmost importance to pin-point exactly what constitutes the major concern and only then can this area be explored and if needed be rectified. Without this kind of investigation, the debate will be confused at best.

This is in essence the first major exploration of these matters that has been published in Sweden, and it is an excellent starting point for further discussions and thoughts. There is little doubt that today's media landscape plays an important role for young people and their outlook on many aspects of life, including sexuality and self-image.

(Hungary).

### Background

The European emergency number 112 was introduced in 1991 to provide, in addition to national emergency numbers, a single emergency call number in all EU Member States to make emergency services more accessible, especially for travellers. Since 1998, EU rules require Member States to ensure that all fixed and mobile phone users can call 112 free of charge. Since 2003, telecoms operators must provide caller location information to emergency services so that they can find accident victims quickly. EU Member States must also raise citizens' awareness of 112.

To ensure the effective implementation of 112, the Commission has so far launched 16 [infringement proceedings](#) against 15 countries due to a lack of availability of 112 or caller location. 9 of these have been closed following corrective measures.







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 <p><b>CYBC</b> is Cyprus' public broadcasting service, transmitting island-wide on four radio and two television channels. CyBC is a non-profit organization that utilizes its entire income for the promotion of its main mission, which is the objective provision of information, culture and entertainment for the people of Cyprus.</p>	 <p><b>The Olive Branch</b> A Turkish Cypriot organization who facilitates in the North of the island.</p>	 <p><b>CYTA</b> is a corporate body established in Cyprus by Law and is responsible for the provision, maintenance and development of telecommunications facilities, both local and overseas.</p>

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