

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CCPAS TO PARTNER CEOP IN NATIONAL SAFER INTERNET DAY ON 7 FEBRUARY**

*Connecting Generations* – Christian young people to be urged to show their  
parents and grandparents how to stay safe on the Web (and vice versa)

CCPAS (the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service), one of the UK's leading experts in advising and training Christian and secular organisations in child protection practices, is to partner the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) agency in supporting *Safer Internet Day*. This will take place on 7 February 2012; it is also backed by CEOP's other major stakeholders.

This year's theme is *Connecting Generations*, and CCPAS is inviting churches throughout the UK to get involved by hosting their own local parents (or grandparents) event, where the generations can share their expertise and learn from each other how best to stay safe on the web.

As part of the Day, CEOP will broadcast online a new TV-style programme called ***The Parents' and Carers' Guide to the Internet***, which seeks to help them become better parents online. The agency is inviting CCPAS and other partner organisations to use their networks of volunteers across the UK to encourage parents and carers to view it in the comfort of their own homes.

*Safer Internet Day* will be featured extensively across the BBC, with programmes scheduled on 5 Live, Radio 1, BBC local radio and CBBC, as well as on the regional TV programme *Inside Out*. The UK Safer Internet Centre is producing a dedicated Schools Pack.

CCPAS will not only be encouraging its members and supporters to take part in *Safer Internet Day* but will be heavily involved in promoting it. [www.ccpas.co.uk](http://www.ccpas.co.uk) will be displaying the 30 second trailer in the run up to the day and will show the TV programme on 7 February. And those who follow CCPAS on Facebook and Twitter will receive regular information and updates over the next few weeks on how the run up to the Day is going.

Simon Bass, CEO of CCPAS, said: “We have made internet safety one of our key safeguarding priorities over the past few years, and held a very successful Internet Safety Conference last year. This has just been released as a comprehensive multimedia resource, called *Safeguarding in a digital world*, and is designed to support faith communities safeguard children in every aspect of e-safety.

“Every day we get calls to our helpline expressing concerns about the safeguarding threats posed by the Internet. We are therefore delighted to throw our weight behind *Internet Safety Day 2012*, and hope that as many churchgoers as possible – from every generation - get involved in what will be a most stimulating, worthwhile and exciting event”.

CCPAS is a partner agency of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) and is a member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS).

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

CCPAS is an independent Christian charity providing professional child protection advice and support across church denominations and organisations throughout the UK.

CCPAS was established in 1977. It assists churches, organisations, social services and other child care agencies as well as individual children and families by:

- helping churches and other organisations adopt safe practice in order to protect children from abuse – and youth workers from the possibility of false allegations
- advising on individual cases, giving ongoing help to leaders and others.
- training across the UK and providing “in-house” training and other resources
- acting as external consultants to denominational/organisational child protection advisors
- counselling individual adults or children about past or present abuse.

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