

## Barking & Dagenham Safeguarding Children Board Supports

## **Safer Internet Day 2017**

## "Be the change: Unite for a better internet" #SID2017

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 will see the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year celebrating Safer Internet Day (SID).

Globally, <u>Safer Internet Day</u> is celebrated in over a hundred countries, coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and 31 national Safer Internet Centre's across Europe. This event is organised in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people.

As the internet plays an ever increasing part of every child and young person's life it is imperative that professionals in Schools, Health Services, Social Care, Police and all partner organisations ensure that they "Think Safeguarding" and minimise the risks children and young people face through internet devises including mobile phones, computers and tablets, and increasing numbers of social media such as Skype, twitter, blogs, Face book, Face time plus many more.

Anyone can get involved with Safer Internet Day by becoming a <u>Supporter</u>, completing a short registration form and detailing what events you have planned for the day. Information from those Organisations and their events are then promoted on the website.

Resources such as the <u>Education packs</u> are available to download, for both Primary and Secondary School ages. There is also a Parent & Carers pack available. Each pack contains activities, information and poster information for download and use. <u>Resources for young people</u> include games and checklists around how to stay safe online using different types of social media.

