Project title:

Save Gordon!

Main theme:

Experiential education project for middle school students about internet safety.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

To raise awareness among youth about the dangers of internet and to educate them how to protect themselves online.

Project submitter (Member State):

Hungary

Project leader(s):

Crime Prevention Subdivision of Zala County Police Headquarters
National Crime Prevention Council

Project partner(s):

Police, Elementary schools, Secondary schools

Project description:

"Save Gordon!" is a crime prevention program based on experiential education developed by the Crime Prevention Subdivision of Zala County Police Headquarters in the framework of a project financed by the National Crime Prevention Council called "Network for safety". The idea of the program is based on the experience that in a world full of information and stimulus it is hard to achieve objectives with preventive trainings in schools. Previously it was easy to attract the attention of the students with topics like drugs and crimes, but now all the information is available on the internet. With transforming the prevention topics into a playful form, we try to regain the attention of the children.

The concept of the program is based on the popular "escape games" because in our point of view information can better be provided through this communication channel to the age group of 10-14. In the program there are hidden information about certain topics of crime prevention and after the program students are more open to listen to police officers.

When planning the program we concentrated on cooperative working methods. In team work children can achieve goals with helping each other and not with rivalry. Team work requires taking responsibility for a common goal – with all its advantages and difficulties. Students work off a given topic together, they share the information and learning experiences with each other. They succeed and fail together and learn how to handle it.

Objectives project:
- We can distinguish 3 main objectives within the project:
- to deepen the students' knowledge and understanding of cyber crimes
- to encourage students to think about what they can do to increase their online security
- to build better communities in the classroom by playing a game together

Project outcome:

We have trained 75 experts so far and we constantly get invitations from schools to hold pilot classes at their institution.

Start and end project:
The project started in spring 2017 and the implementation is ongoing.

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,…)):
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