



## **Internet Permission Letter**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Internet Access for Young People attending Tullymore Youth Project.**

As part of the Forum's Youth Project ICT programme, we offer our Young People supervised access to the Internet. Before the Centre can allow your young person to use the Internet, they must obtain parental permission. Both they and you must sign and return the enclosed form as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the rules on this matter.

Various projects have proven the educational benefits of Internet access, which will enable your child to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and other educational and leisure activities. Although Internet use is supervised in our Centre, families will wish to be aware that some young people may find ways to access material that is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or potentially offensive to some people. We believe that the benefits to young people from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for learning, exceed any disadvantages.

However, as with any other area, such as books, films or TV, parents and guardians of young people are responsible for setting and explaining the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The Centre therefore support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

During our Youth Programme, our qualified staff will guide young people towards appropriate material. At home, families bear the same responsibility for guidance as they exercise with other information sources such as television, telephones, films and radio.

We enclose a copy of our ***Acceptable Use of the Internet Policy*** that we operate at this Centre. We also have a number of leaflets that explain issues further and also cover Internet use at home. If you would like copies of these, please contact me on 028 90622201.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of Internet use (or to see a session in operation), please contact me to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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Angela Mervyn  
Youth Project Manager  
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum

**Tullymore Community Centre Parental Permission**

Please complete and return this form to Angela Mervyn by (date).....

**Young Person**

I agree to act in accordance with the Tullymore Centre's rules on the Acceptable Use of the Internet. I will use the Centre's computer network in a responsible way and I have had the sanctions for breaking these rules explained to me.

Young Person's signature: .....Date:

**Parent**

As the parent or legal guardian of: .....I grant permission for my son/daughter/Young Person in my Legal care, to use computers, electronic mail and the Internet during classes related to the Youth Project.

I understand that the young person using the Internet will be held responsible for their actions and that the rules and sanctions have been explained to all participants of the youth Programme.

I also understand that whilst every reasonable endeavour is made to ensure that suitable precautions are taken, the Centre cannot guarantee that youth do not see undesirable material. Therefore, I accept responsibility for setting standards for my son/daughter or young person in my care, to follow when selecting, sharing and exploring information and media on the computer and Internet.

Parent or legal Guardian signature: ..... Date: .....

Young Person's Name in capitals: .....

Home Telephone Number: .....

Parent's Email address (if applicable).....