

## Child sexual abuse and the Internet

A one-day course for Trade Union staff responsible for supporting employees who have been accused of internet related offences



Do the trade union stewards working with your organisation have knowledge and understanding about adults who access child sexual abuse images online?

Do they know the sorts of behaviours that are involved in this activity?

Are they fearful that adults who engage in online behavior may go on to commit contact offences against children and young people?

With the numbers of individuals being investigated, cautioned or convicted for internet offences on the rise, it is essential for Trade Union Stewards to have the opportunity to debate and discuss these questions, and many more in order to explore the complexity of this type of behaviour. This will help them to work more confidently and knowledgeably when supporting Union Members who have been arrested for alleged offences of downloading abusive images of children from the Internet.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is expert in the field of child sexual abuse. Our high quality training is delivered by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners, it is grounded in up-to-date research and it is presented in a way that will make it immediately usable for staff involved in supporting members through this process.

This training course provides an insight into how the internet is used as part of sexually abusive behaviour and what motivates different types of internet offender. Based on research about offending and the risk of reoffending, this course enables participants to better understand:

- The different types of internet abuser and their characteristics
- The apparent psychological similarities and differences between internet-only and contact offenders
- The different motivations for internet offending

Drawing upon current research, and our own treatment work with internet offenders and their families, our course facilitators will explore:

- Context setting: pornography and the internet
- The facts not the fears associated with sexual offending
- The basic models to help understand sexually abusive behaviour
- Assumptions and biases in the assessment of internet offenders
- The role of the Union Steward in supporting those accused of internet offences through the investigation
- Managing possible personal feelings and responses when attending interviews with alleged internet offenders

We are able to provide bespoke training for staff in your union, or you may wish to nominate staff to attend one of our national workshops.

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