

Support statements

David Martin MEP

'I would very much like to welcome all the delegates to the HUWY launch in Edinburgh. This is a really important event at a crucial time. As the Internet has changed and is going to change our lives further it is important that young people influence the way it operates. Our future is in your hands.'

Mark Lazarowicz MP, Edinburgh North & Leith

It is becoming increasingly important that young people in the UK and across the EU, have the opportunity to participate in the development of policies and laws which affect the Internet.

The HuWY project is a unique way in which they can contribute to this, influencing policy on a wide range of topics including cyberbullying; child abuse and safety; freedom of speech; privacy and security and file sharing and copyright. The Internet is an essential tool in the lives of today's younger people so it is vital that they can contribute to the development of the rules which shape its use.

Furthermore, it is exciting that the HuWY project is exploring the ways in which young peoples' participation in democracy can be increased and how new technologies can be harnessed as a conduit for interaction between Governments and Parliaments and the younger generation.

I send my best wishes for today's launch of the EU Hub and look forward to hearing about its progress in the months ahead.

Adam Ingram MSP, Minister for Children and Young People

Youth participation and online safety are both areas of keen interest within the Scottish Government and so we would welcome any feedback you could offer following on from the event.

Apologies and best wishes for a successful event from

- Alyn Smith MEP
- Struan Stevenson MEP
- Catherine Stihler MEP
- Aileen Campbell MSP
- Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism