

Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme Heads to Virtual Education Show

Tuesday 23 February, 2021

Visitors at Thursday's [Virtual Education Show](#) will be able to connect with the team behind the UK's Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme, to learn more about the Programme and how to access free education, training, and support around gambling harms for young people and the professionals supporting them.

The Virtual Education Show is free to access, and designed to support the promotion and development of effective school management, learning and teaching – featuring inspirational keynotes and a comprehensive virtual exhibition of innovative products and services. GamCare will have a virtual 'booth' at the 2021 show on 25th February, showcasing how education providers can access all parts of the programme.

GamCare and the Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM) are working together to deliver [an evidence-based programme of education and training](#) for young people and the professionals to support them across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well as working with other providers across Scotland.

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Where issues with gambling are identified for young people, GamCare is now able to offer tailored support for under 18s via specially trained youth practitioners across the whole of the UK.

The Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme gives young people the opportunity to explore how gambling might be affecting them in a safe and trusted environment, and will give them the tools to make informed decisions.

GamCare is also able to provide dedicated support to suit young people's needs, ensuring that every young person worried about gambling is listened to and fully supported.

Register to attend the Virtual Education Show for free, and view the full agenda, via <https://virtualeducationshow.uk/>

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Notes to Editors

GamCare – Working to minimise gambling-related harm

- GamCare operates the National Gambling Helpline on Freephone 0808 8020 133 or via web chat at www.gamcare.org.uk, providing information, advice and support for anyone affected by gambling harms, funded by GambleAware. Advisers are available 24/7, every day of the year.
- GamCare is part of the [National Gambling Treatment Service](#), funded by GambleAware.
- The [Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme](#) is supported by members of the Betting and Gaming Council (BGC) and is delivered in collaboration with YGAM.
- A dedicated website for young people, parents and teachers can be found at www.BigDeal.org.uk
- GamCare's Young People's Service is for anyone aged 11-18 who is worried about their own gambling or about the gambling of someone close to them. We have a dedicated team of

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practitioners providing safe and effective support to young people.

- Our free, flexible and confidential service is designed to ensure each young person receives the most appropriate support for them. We offer information, advice and guidance, Brief Interventions, and self-help tools, as well as structured interventions tailored to each young person's needs. We will ensure every young person worried about gambling is listened to and fully supported.
- Our free Young People Service can be accessed through:
 - 0808 8020 133 – 24 hours, seven days a week
 - Using live chat via [BigDeal.org.uk](https://www.bigdeal.org.uk)
 - YoungPeopleService@gamcare.org.uk
- We also provide guidance and support for **parents and professionals** who are worried about a young person. Professionals supporting young people, parents/carers and young people can refer into our service. Anyone who would like to contact the service can get in touch via: YoungPeopleService@gamcare.org.uk or 02020926964.
- GamCare delivers free gambling awareness workshops to young people and professionals as part of the Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme. To book a workshop or find out more email: hello@bigdeal.org.uk

YGAM and GamCare have set out the following shared aspirations for the Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme:

1. All 11–19-year-olds in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will receive at least one session of gambling awareness education during their secondary/further education.
2. All teachers, youth workers and other professionals working with young people should have access to information about the risks of gambling, how to identify gambling related harm in young people and where help can be sought.
3. All parents and families have access to information about young people's gambling, how to keep young people safe, and where they can be referred for help and support.
4. All young people (aged 18 and under) who are 'at risk' of or have developed a problem with gambling, or are affected by the gambling of someone close to them (e.g., a parent), have access to age-appropriate treatment.

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