



BRECK FOUNDATION

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE RECLAIM THE INTERNET





Who are the Breck Foundation?

Breck Foundation is at the forefront of efforts to safeguard children and young people online. Our organisation was founded in 2014 in response to the tragic loss of Breck Bednar, a 14-year-old boy who was groomed and murdered by an online predator. Our work aims to prevent this from ever happening again. Our work saves lives.

We reach thousands of children and young people in schools and other community settings with Breck's story every year. Our talks and educational materials fill a gap in the current UK curriculum that otherwise leaves children vulnerable to online grooming and exploitation.

With 98% of young people now active internet users, current and future generations grow up having to navigate new and evolving digital dangers. We are committed to making the internet a place where children can live, play and thrive in safety.

We are helping young people reclaim the internet.

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our vision 

A world in which children and young people can live, play and learn online safely.



Why internet safety?

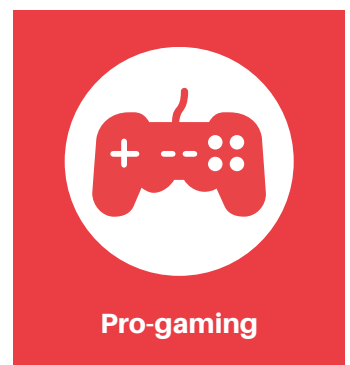
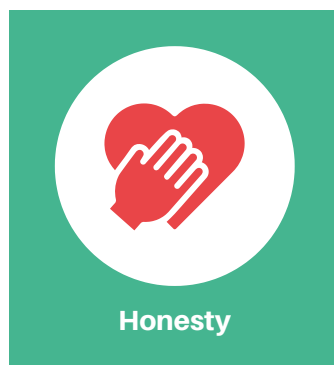


In the year 2000, only 26% of the UK population was using the internet. However, in 2021, 99% of children in the UK went online.

According to Ofcom, most parents with children under the age of 16 are worried about the type of content their child sees online, including violence, bad language, and sexual acts. Due to the ever-evolving digital landscape, we are facing an increasing number of unregulated online spaces that predators, groomers, scammers, and anyone seeking to cause harm can use.

It is children and young people who, in our shared online world, are most at risk.

Our founder, Lorin LaFave Gordon, believes that if Breck had heard the talk we deliver about grooming he would still be alive today.



Breck Foundation values

What we can offer

Exceptional educational speaker sessions

Breck's Story:

We deliver online safety educational sessions that share Breck's Story with children of all ages to empower them to protect themselves against online grooming.

We can also deliver sessions on fake news and misinformation, online bullying/digital citizenship and digital wellbeing and mental health.

Neuroscience backs up what we already know from our sessions – that the telling of the story of Breck is a uniquely powerful tool. When we listen to stories, neural activity increases fivefold. Using Breck's real-world story is a unique angle that allows us to deliver powerful messages and get the type of response from attendees that generic sessions rarely get.

We have delivered sessions at many prestigious schools including:

- Brighton College, East Sussex,
- Dunottar School, Surrey
- Thomas's Battersea, London
- Harrow School, London



"I loved the transition from snappy, fun facts about the internet to the engaging retelling of Breck's story. It was so compelling. Delivery throughout was excellent"



Oundle School,
Peterborough



Watch this video to hear from the Head of IT at St Clement's Catholic Primary School, Richard Preston, about why he thinks Breck Foundation speaker sessions should be heard by everyone.



What we can offer

Drama-based learning

Our powerful play, Game Over:

Game Over is a dramatisation of Breck's story written by the award-winning playwright Mark Wheeler. It is written for older secondary pupils.

If you would like to stage a production of Game Over, we can offer different levels of support ranging from pre-production workshops to full gala performances for other local schools with in-person sessions from Lorin LaFave Gordon, Breck's mother.

Please contact us for a more detailed summary of what we can offer.

See the BBC News report on Game Over's premiere at Beaumont School in 2019.



Students from Harrow schools performing Game Over



100%

of the audience surveyed at a 'Game Over' production said that the play would inspire them to talk to their children about grooming and internet safety.

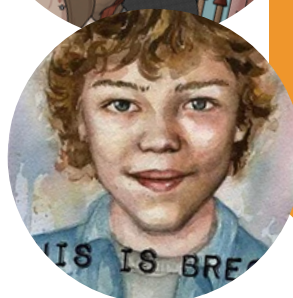
Expertly crafted SEND sessions

Adaptable resources:

Our powerful suite of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) resources help us effectively share Breck's story with SEND pupils.

The resources include music, a picture book, a play, and a graphic novel.

[See more of our resources on our website](#)



Watch this video to hear SEND teacher and writer Mark Harrington, talk about our adaptable resources

What we can offer

Bespoke long-term learning



RISE e2e

Resilience Internet Safety Education: an End to End project

RISE e2e is a unique educational and support framework centred around online skills and digital safety, that we can adapt to the particular needs of your pupils, teachers and parents.

Your RISE e2e will be bespoke for your school. It will help your young people to thrive online by empowering them to spot danger signs and be digitally resilient.

The programme starts with a speaker session about Breck's story, then continues over the course of the academic year with a range of satellite presentations and workshops. Each has tailored content suitable for each school's unique circumstances, and a range of peer-led projects around safeguarding and safety. Sessions include fake news/misinformation, online bullying/digital citizenship and digital wellbeing/mental health.

Due to the bespoke and dynamic nature of a RISE e2e programme, please do get in touch to learn more about what it can feature at your school.



" It would be easy to simply tell the story of Breck, but the session went way beyond this and used it as a vehicle to provide information and guidance about a wide range of safeguarding factors as well as self-help for students."

Deputy Headteacher
The Langley Academy



What we can offer



Enrichment activities for your pupils

Play Virtual, Live Real challenges:

No Tech 4 Breck is the perfect opportunity for young people to take time to engage in real-life activities and relationships.

The No Tech 4 Breck challenge opens up conversations about keeping safer online and encourages healthier cyber-balance habits.

Why not consider us as your charity of the year?

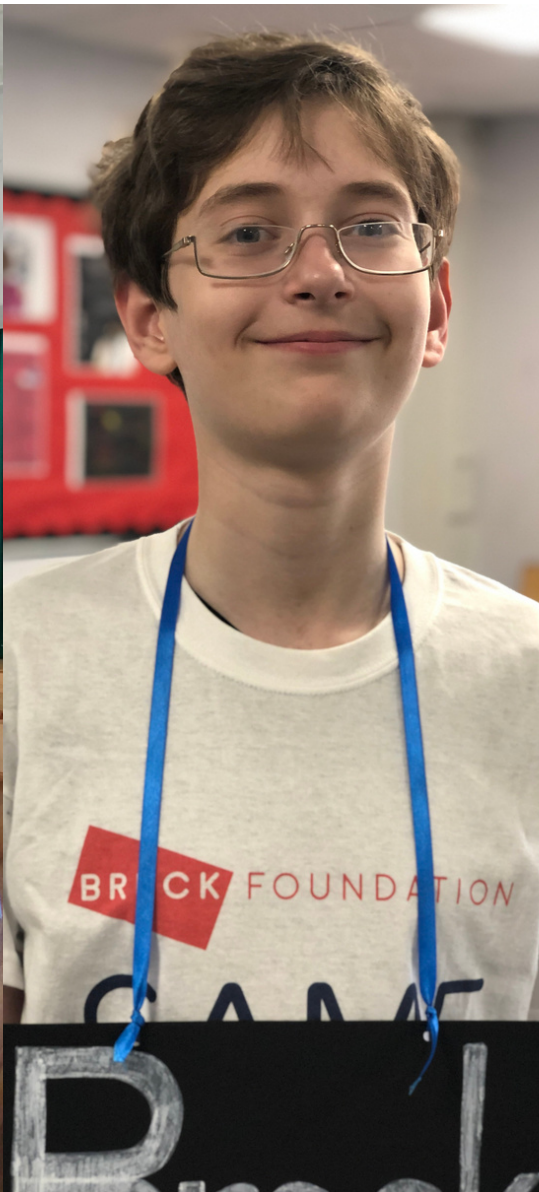


Train pupils as online safety heroes:

We can train a select group of pupils to become Breck Ambassadors, empowering them with the skills and knowledge to present Breck's story.

These Breck Ambassadors can present their knowledge to audiences of their peers, groups of teachers and parents.





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