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Members

Google

Kent Walker, SVP of Global Affairs

“The Tech Coalition’s ambitious new plan, funding, and structure will help us share progress, learnings, and cutting-edge tools throughout the digital ecosystem. No company can fight this problem alone – and the Tech Coalition’s new mandate will promote industry, civil society, and government working together to protect children.”

Facebook

Sheryl Sandberg, COO

“Project Protect brings together the brightest minds from across the tech industry to tackle a grave issue that no one company can solve on its own – child exploitation and abuse. Facebook is proud to help lead this initiative that we hope will lead to real changes that keep children safe.”

Twitter

Del Harvey, VP of Trust & Safety

“We welcome the renewed effort to collaborate with our peers in the Technology Coalition and are particularly encouraged by the industry commitment to an annual progress report. The pillars unveiled today are another critical step in driving collective action across industry, government, and civil society. Twitter has a zero-tolerance policy for child sexual exploitation content. We publish figures every six months detailing how many accounts we remove and report — the vast majority of which are detected through our internal tools and technology.”

Microsoft

Courtney Gregoire, Chief Digital Safety Officer

“We continuously invest in research and technology to help keep children safe online, but no single company is going to solve this issue on its own. That’s why it’s so important for the industry to come together through the Technology Coalition and work jointly on these renewed areas of focus.”

Dropbox

Bart Volkmer, Chief Legal Officer

"Child sexual abuse is a horrific crime, and Dropbox is committed to eradicating this content from our platform. We believe the initiatives laid out today with Project Protect will help members more effectively combat CSEA online and increase collaboration between the tech industry and experts in the field for even greater impact."

Roblox

Remy Malan, VP Trust & Safety and Chief Privacy Officer

“As a member of the Technology Coalition, Roblox is proud of our continued collaboration with our peers as we drive collective action to combat online child sexual abuse. We undertake a safety review of 100 percent of images, audio and video before they are uploaded and proactively block any child sexual abuse material (CSAM) using a combination of machine learning and human review. We also have a layered approach to filtering chats to prevent online grooming, and we go beyond the requirements in what we

report to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and other relevant authorities.”

Yubo (France)

Marc-Antoine Durand, COO

As a French startup, we are very proud to be part of an ambitious coalition to tackle child sexual exploitation online together and believe it will make a substantial impact across the online world. We are eager to learn from the experience of the other industry members, and from the input of child safety experts supporting the TC. We will share our innovative safety tools already implemented on Yubo and support others to improve their tools.”

Project Protect Partners

EVAC

Dr. Howard Taylor, Executive Director, End Violence Against Children

“We are excited to partner with the Technology Coalition on actionable research to make the online world safe for children. We will fund research to accelerate understanding of the experiences and patterns of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), and those insights will inform product and policy design within industry and across sectors. For the End Violence Partnership, this work will help shape the global response to OCSEA and complement our Safe Online portfolio of \$50M of investments in over 70 countries.”

WPGA

Iain Drennan, Executive Director, WePROTECT Global Alliance

“The technology industry is an integral part of the WePROTECT Global Alliance. We look forward to deepening our collaboration with the Tech Coalition in the coming years and welcome its renewed commitments to action and engagement. We cannot end online child sexual abuse by working alone: it is only by reaching across boundaries and sharing our knowledge, tools and skills that we can tackle this horrific crime.”

Experts and stakeholders

UNICEF

Cornelius Williams, Associate Director & Global Chief of Child Protection, Programme Division, UNICEF:

“Keeping our children safe in digital spaces is more important than ever as COVID-19 increased the amount of time they now spend online exponentially. The tech industry leaders of the Technology Coalition have a critical role to play in making sure safety and privacy standards are reinforced and upheld for child users. As UNICEF Global Chief of Child Protection and representative to the board of the WePROTECT Global Alliance, I welcome these leaders’ efforts to protect children’s and their families’ use of digital tools and platforms to learn, socialize and stay entertained amid the global pandemic and beyond.”

InHope

Denton Howard, Executive Director

“At INHOPE we welcome the reinvigoration of the Technology Coalition which has the potential to have a substantial impact in the eradication of online child sexual exploitation through dedicated research and technology development.”

ECPAT International

Marie-Laure Lemineur, Deputy Executive Director for Programs

"Tech companies have the ability and the responsibility to detect and take down illegal content portraying child sexual abuse that is on or transiting across their platforms and to help identify individuals *mis-using* their services to sexually groom children. This makes them frontline actors in the battle against child sex predators. ECPAT International supports the renewed efforts of the Technology Coalition and its members to step up to its responsibility and to become collectively more efficient at disrupting this form of criminality targeting children. The rights of our children to be protected from sexual exploitation and abuse should always remain the utmost moral compass."

NCMEC

John Clark, President & CEO of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

“For many years, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the Technology Coalition have shared a common goal to eradicate online child sexual exploitation. NCMEC applauds the Technology Coalition, and its globally recognized members, in their reinvigorated commitment to this fight. I am encouraged and excited about the forward-looking possibilities and how they will better protect children around the world.”

Thorn

Julie Cordua, CEO

“Our long-term collaboration with the Technology Coalition has provided critical funding and support for our work, including providing the first grant to develop our product [Safer](#). We commend the Technology Coalition for increasing their investment to ensure that industry around the world takes collective, and proactive action to identify, remove and report CSAM. We look forward to continuing to work with the TC towards our shared goal of ending CSAM on the open web.”

Point de Contact

Jean-Christophe Le Toquin, President

"Technological innovation has been the priority of the French hotline against child sexual abuse material (CSAM) since 2018, and we welcome this initiative. We will contribute our expertise as a public-private reporting platform, as well as our commitment to the recognition of the staff, moderators, analysts, abuse teams, police officers and gendarmes who protect minors on a daily basis against sexual abuse on the Internet".

International Justice Mission

John Tanagho, Director, END OSEC Centre

“Innovative technology solutions and data sharing are essential to end online abuse and exploitation of children. International Justice Mission (IJM) is encouraged by the Technology Coalition’s launch of TechProtect and the groundbreaking investment made by industry. We are pleased to continue our collaboration with the technology industry to uphold the dignity of every child.”

Childhelp

Sara O'Meara, Founder

"In over 61 years of child advocacy, I have seen technology provide useful tools to rescue children and connect families with resources. I have also watched technology create conduits of great threat for children online. Childhelp is honored to be a voice for at-risk youth as we work with the Technology Coalition to rid platforms of child sexual abuse imagery, halt predators from grooming and create safer environments through prevention education."

Dr. Michael Seto, Adjunct Professor, Psychology, University of Ottawa

"I am very glad to see the Tech Coalition announce its vision and new strategic priorities for addressing the serious problem of online sexual exploitation and abuse. The scope of this online problem requires solutions that involve collaboration across sectors, especially tech companies, and the development of scalable, evidence-based tools."

SaferNet

Prof. Thiago Tavares, Founder and Board Member

"In Brazil we are very proud to work with the Technology Coalition to foster the development of new tools and projects focused on making the internet a safer place for children."

H.M. Government, United Kingdom

Priti Patel, Home Secretary

"The sexual abuse of children online is sickening and we must all work collaboratively to eradicate this crime. I welcome this step from the Tech Coalition and hope this drives meaningful change to protect our children.

"The Voluntary Principles to Counter Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse is a landmark blueprint to keep our children safe online. Myself and the Five Country partners have been clear that technology companies need to work quickly and go further to address the critical issues that could leave children vulnerable to online predators."

IWF

Susie Hargreaves OBE, CEO, Internet Watch Foundation :

"I'm delighted to see a renewed commitment by the technology industry to fight child sexual exploitation and abuse online with the launch of Project Protect. It's imperative that companies come together and fight this in partnership in order to gain real results, for children. Accelerating technical developments, collaborating on research and increasing the accountability and consistency of work in this area are vital. We must all step up – together – to tackle this global challenge which affects real children, every day."

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation

Deborah Denis, CEO and Director of Fundraising and External Relations and Donald Findlater, Director of the STOP IT NOW! Helpline

"Sadly we are all too well aware that technology has facilitated the rise in online child sexual abuse and exploitation in recent years, so it's vital that tech companies play their part in combatting these appalling crimes. Today's announcement that many tech giants are working to coordinate their approach, tackling the problem together, is very welcome.

We cannot leave it to children to protect themselves from the considerable harms that some determined individuals, mostly adults, are intent upon. We must do more to design the online places our children use to be safer. This includes filters to block unwanted interactions, simple ways of

reporting harmful content and activity that are acted upon, and messages warning people carrying out risky or illegal behaviour to stop, but also telling them where to go for help to stay stopped. But there is much more we could be doing. We hope that the fresh momentum behind this coalition will develop innovative solutions which may not have been explored yet – such as AI to notice bad behaviour and intervene, and tech solutions to observe patterns of behaviour and understand the trajectory of offending. We look forward to working with the tech sector to ensure that child protection is put before anything else.”

**Barnardo’s
Javed Khan, CEO**

“Two thirds of the vulnerable children and young people supported through Barnardo’s sexual exploitation services were groomed online before meeting their abuser in person. The internet provides fantastic opportunities for children but we can’t ignore the risks. Online platforms must urgently be made safer so that children can learn, play and socialise free from harm. A safe internet requires robust Government regulation as well as all partners working together. [Project Protect] is a welcome example of tech companies taking action to better protect children on and offline.”

Dr. Maggie Brennan, Author and Lecturer in Psychology, University of Plymouth

“Project Protect provides a fresh roadmap for the role of the technology industry in the global fight against online child sexual abuse and exploitation. I am delighted to voice my support for the launch of this initiative and it has been a privilege to support its development. Critically, Project Protect makes an explicit commitment to the goal of preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation online. This commitment offers an unprecedented opportunity to meaningfully protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation, by working together to address the preconditions to online victimisation, and to stop these offences outright. “The new initiative will also provide urgently needed research funding and collaboration to better understand the pathways to online child sexual offending and victimisation, and to ‘design out’ opportunities for offending behaviours in online spaces. However, Project Protect goes beyond this, committing to scaling up these strategies by sharing good practice for child protection online across the industry.’

Dr. Ethel Quayle, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology

“For over 20 years there have been calls for extensive collaboration between stakeholders in all sectors and all countries to prevent technology-mediated sexual exploitation of children. Project Protect’s call for collective action is notably underpinned by a commitment to engage with key stakeholders, contribute to funding research and prevention initiatives and to promote transparency and consistency across industry in relation to the reporting and management of child sexual exploitation. This is an important initiative that has the potential to significantly change this landscape.”

**Aarambh
Uma Subramanian, Founder and Co-Director**

“We were happy to learn that the Technology Coalition is being re-activated. It couldn't have come at a more critical time when millions of children are more active online than ever. There has been a felt need that industry needs to step up and prioritize the issues faced by children, adolescents & young adults in the online space. This is a great first step and we look forward to and welcome a deeper commitment to child protection & child safety issues.”

Australian eSafety Commission

Julie Inman-Grant, Commissioner

“The significance of international collaboration, multi-stakeholder engagement, investment in prevention strategies and a focus on proactive change and innovation in tackling online child sexual exploitation and abuse has never been more important.

The announcement by the Tech Coalition to provide renewed focus on these central pillars is very welcome. We must ensure that industry members globally are aware of, and use, the existing tools and resources to tackle this crime, and are encouraged to innovate further so that we can truly move forward in protecting children and young people.

The role of the Tech Coalition will be critical in advancing these aims, and eSafety is committed to working alongside industry and the global community to take every step we can to combat the scourge of online child sexual exploitation and abuse wherever it is found.”

Netsafe NZ

Martin Cocker, CEO

“We’re pleased to see the increased activity around the Tech Coalition and believe it will make a tangible impact in the fight against child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Netsafe has long advocated for a partnership approach to online safety and we will be especially pleased to be able to participate in the expanded collaboration opportunities created by the revamped work programme.”