Fundamental Rights Forum
Freedom of Expression, Hate Speech and Anonymity Online

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Balancing freedom of expression with need to prevent hate speech and support victims
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- Law must keep pace with technology
- When does the behaviour become criminal?
- When should the law intervene?
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- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Legal recourse
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- Homophobic bullying
- Serious impact on mental health
- *Supporting LGBT Lives*
  - 27% self-harmed
  - 50% thought of ending their lives
  - 20% attempted suicide
• Anonymity

• Obstacle to identifying perpetrators and preventing victims from pursuing justice

• Principle of open justice important - outweighed in certain cases by the need to protect children’s privacy and the need to protect them from cyberbullying

• Ideal solution - an agreement of co-operation
Child protection arguments should not be used to justify censorship.

Children and the right to be forgotten - age of the individual a key factor.
Must not unreasonably restrict children’s civil and political rights to freedom of information and expression

- Blanket filters
- Children and evolving capacities
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- Responding
- Caution in restricting children’s access to the internet
- Support children how to stay safe online

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV5v0m6pEMs
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!