

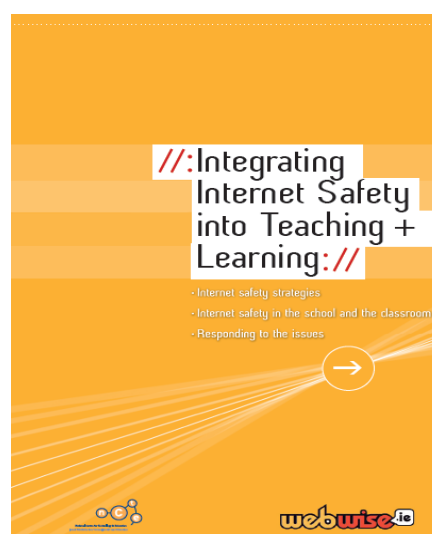


## Webwise in Ireland

Webwise is the Internet Safety initiative of the National Centre for Technology in Education (NCTE) in Ireland. The NCTE is the agency of The Department of Education and Science which manages the Government's ICT in schools policy and programmes.

## Free Internet Safety Course for Teachers

Webwise developed and published a teachers' Internet Safety Course and Manual with accompanying resource CD ROM entitled *//:Integrating Internet Safety into Teaching + Learning://* in June 2007.



We trained 50 ICT tutors in May and June 2007 to deliver this continuing professional development (CDP) course as part of the NCTE's Teaching Skills Initiative to teachers in Education Centres throughout the country.

The full 20 hour version of the course was first delivered during the summer of 2007 and a 12 hour term time version was offered in the Autumn and Spring Schedules. The term-time course, [//: Integrating Internet Safety into Teaching + Learning://](#) consists of 12 hours and runs over a 5 week period. The full 20 hour version of the course will be offered again this summer 2008 to teachers wishing to undertake summertime CDP.

In December 2007 a stand alone 2-hour Workshop on social networking, Module 4 of [//: Integrating Internet Safety into Teaching + Learning://](#), was offered to teachers. The 2-hour workshop is called [//Bebo What's going on!//](#)

### **Free eSafety Lesson Plans and Teaching Resources**

Sample lesson plans, classroom activities and teaching and learning resources developed as part of the teaching course [//: Integrating Internet Safety into teaching + Learning://](#) are available to primary and post primary teachers on the supporting website: [www.webwise.ie/LearningResources](http://www.webwise.ie/LearningResources)

As part of the teachers' course Webwise created, tested and published classroom exemplars and activities to help teachers of all subject disciplines embed safe use of the Internet into their daily classroom use. For example in partnership with the Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Curriculum Support Team we developed a targeted Internet Safety lesson pack for post primary teachers and schools. Together with the SPHE team we trialled and tested the resulting 13 lessons in classrooms, each of the exemplars and all related resources can be found in the Learning Resources area of our project site Webwise.ie:

[//:Be SAFE Be WEBWISE://](#)

The SPHE Curriculum Support Service decided to include the Internet Safety module as part of its Personal Safety Unit of the curriculum and together we

devised a specifically designed module of in-service which has been facilitated regionally by the SPHE Support Service.

[//:Be SAFE\\_Be WEBWISE://](#) consists of 5 topic areas, 13 lesson plans and a Safer Internet Day theme plan for schools. Through active learning methods and discussion it seeks to enable young people to consider their online behaviour and how to make safer choices. Teens with their peers discuss how to share images safely online, how to use social networking websites safely, how to access support and reporting services and how to develop Internet literacy skills.

[//:Be SAFE\\_Be WEBWISE://](#) became part of the Spring Schedule of inservice training for post primary SPHE teachers and was launched on Safer Internet Day 2008 by The Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin, T.D.. Each SPHE teacher attending a day's inservice receives a copy of the printed teaching and learning pack [//:Be SAFE\\_Be WEBWISE://](#) since January 2008.

