

Children of Slovakia Foundation's

RECOMMENDATION

**to the Committee on the Rights of the Child - 2014 Day of General Discussion,
Digital Media and Children's Rights, 12 September 2014**

Self-esteem is the most natural prevention of threats which hold digital technologies and, it is also the condition for development of children and young people in the online space.

Therefore we recommend:

- to support preventive educational programs aiming at personal and social development of children and young people.
- to facilitate development of digital skills of adults important in education an upbringing of children and young people.
- to create and to provide a platform for sharing and exchanging the good practices involving children, young people, important adults (parents, teachers, children and youth workers etc.), experts as well as representatives of IT businesses.

Despite the risks that digital media like many other human activities hold, in today's world we have to take them as natural part of life and recognise its potential for enhancement of development of children and young people. By concentrating on personal, social and moral development of children and young people, accompanied by proper media literacy education, we can significantly contribute to the safety and safe behaviour of children and young people in the digital world.

The Children of Slovakia Foundation helps children and young people in various life situations. Together with its partners it supports the development of children and young people, creates space for their voice to be heard and helps to build communities addressing their needs and rights. The Children of Slovakia Foundation achieves its mission in two ways: (1) by providing grants and (2) by running own projects of educational, training and advocacy nature. From its establishment in 1995, the Children of Slovakia foundation is the biggest supporter of projects aiming at children and young people in Slovakia.

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<http://www.nds.sk/informacie/children-of-slovakia-foundation/>

or by reading our annual report: http://www.nds.sk/images/attach-dokumenty/NDS_VS_2013.pdf.

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