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We all share responsibility to ensure our children are safe in the online world.

While the internet is a wonderful resource, we should be aware of the possible risks of the internet and how to manage those risks.

The VGT website, www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com, provides advice, resources and information to children, young people and their parents and carers, including how to have fun and stay safe online.

The VGT website provides the latest news, upcoming events and advice on how to become a VGT partner. There is also information on how to report abuse directly to the VGT.

The Report Abuse button, which can be accessed from the VGT website, is an effective mechanism for reporting suspected sexual predator behaviour anywhere in the world. It also acts as a deterrent to those offenders who think they can cause harm to young people.

For more information on how to report inappropriate or illegal activity with or towards a child online, visit www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com
MEMBERS OF THE VGT

Since it was established in 2003, the VGT have and continue to work collectively to rescue children globally from sexual abuse, dismantle global paedophile networks and coordinate many covert internet investigations. The VGT has also targeted travelling sex offenders and shared and developed intelligence and resources for stamping out online child abuse and related contact offending.

The successes of the VGT rely on the strong international partnerships between the following member agencies:
The VGT acknowledges that law enforcement agencies can not fight internet facilitated child sexual abuse alone. It is a known fact that in order to successfully combat OCSE, law enforcement agencies, need to work together with NGO's, industry and academia.

As a result, the VGT membership is extended to these private sector members:

**CURRENT VGT PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS**

**Blackberry**

Blackberry, a global leader in wireless innovation.

**Child Rescue Coalition (CRC)**

Child Rescue Coalition (CRC), builds technology to hunt online predators.

**ECPAT**

ECPAT is a global network of organisations committed to protecting children from commercial sexual exploitation.
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- Child Rescue Coaltion (CRC)
- International Justice Mission (IJM)
- INHOPE
- Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit
- Magnet Forensics
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)
- World Vision
- Blackberry
- PayPal
- NetClean
- Web-IQ
- NCAC
- News Corp
- Telstra
- Kik Interactive, Inc.

Key industry partners are working with the VGT to help make the internet safer.

The VGT Logos represent law enforcement globally, always roaming the internet across international borders to combat online child sexual exploitation.

Using the 4P strategic framework, VGT members - supported by NGOs and industry - will deliver a program of coordinated international law enforcement activity to address the following goals:

- Prevent people becoming involved in child sexual exploitation.
- Protect victims of child sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Prepare law enforcement agencies to identify, intervene and apprehend those who sexually exploit and abuse children.
- Pursue those who sexually exploit and abuse children by:
  - implementing or developing appropriate educational products
  - enhancing international offender management activity, initiatives and data sharing.
  - enhancing operational collaboration between VGT members to disrupt and apprehend child sex offenders;
  - developing and delivering capacity and capability programs for law enforcement in priority countries;
  - sharing intelligence tools and technical capabilities across VGT members to enhance the detection and risk assessment of suspects and victims;
  - sharing intelligence on the threat to children from sexual abuse material.

ICDL Arabia

ICDL Arabia are committed to advocating on the subjects of online exploitation.

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC)

ICMEC is leading a global movement with the training, expertise and support required to enforce and protect the rights of children.

INHOPE

INHOPE supports and coordinates worldwide internet hotlines dealing with child sexual abuse material.

International Justice Mission (IJM)

International Justice Mission (IJM) partners with local authorities to rescue victims from trafficking and other forms of violent abuse.

Kik

Kik Interactive, Inc. works with law enforcement for investigations in combatting online child exploitation and abuse with cases related to its messenger application
National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC)
NCAC has developed programs that have revolutionized the response to child abuse, serving more than 315,000 children in 2015 alone. The mission of the NCAC is to model, promote, and deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership. To accomplish this mission, the NCAC continues to operate as a Child Advocacy Center in our community while also providing training to more than 10,000 professionals each year through our diverse, international training and technical assistance activities.

Magnet Forensics
Magnet Forensics is a global leader in the development of products for law enforcement acquire, analyze and report on digital evidence from smartphones, tablets and computers.

Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit
Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit disrupts some of the most difficult cybercrime threats facing society today – including technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation.
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ECPAT – works with law enforcement, families and the professionals

who serve them on issues related to missing and sexually

exploited children.

NetClean

NetClean is an organization that develops technical products to

stop the spread of online child abuse images.

PayPal

PayPal is a payment processor, which employs multiple models to detect and remove accounts that are involved in the distribution of child sexual exploitation material.

Telstra

Telstra is one of Australia’s leading providers of mobile phones, mobile devices, home phones and broadband internet.

The Code Of Conduct For The Protection Of Children From Sexual Exploitation In Travel And Tourism (The Code)

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Web-IQ
Web-IQ built an Intelligence platform “VoyagerOne” to detect and identify networks of offenders that produce and distribute child abuse material.

World Vision
World Vision (WV) has access to invaluable information on emerging trends and best practice in preventing and responding to child sexual exploitation.

ZiuZ
ZiuZ develops and supports solutions for law enforcement agencies, and also advocates the need of public-private partnerships

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For more information on becoming an industry supporter of the VGT, visit the VGT website www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com
The VGT logo reaffirms the objective of the VGT:

the eye represents law enforcement globally, always roaming the internet across international borders to combat online child sexual exploitation, anywhere and anytime.

**VGT STRATEGIC GOALS**

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Prevent people becoming involved in child sexual exploitation and abuse by coordinating law enforcement activity to:

- raise awareness of the reality, impact and consequences of committing such offences;
- deliver online deterrence activity to stop people being drawn into the crime.

Protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse by:

- increasing the number of children identified and located;
- implementing or developing appropriate educational products for children, young people, parents, careers and practitioners;
- supporting the private sector to improve its protective security by sharing intelligence on the threat to children from sexual exploitation and abuse.
Prepare interventions to reduce the impact of child sexual exploitation and abuse through safeguarding and child protection work by:

- developing and delivering capacity and capability programs for law enforcement in priority countries;
- sharing intelligence tools and technical capabilities across VGT members to enhance the detection and risk assessment of suspects and victims;
- developing and implementing strategies and policies to ensure the welfare of the child is always the focus of a law enforcement investigation.

For more information and resources, please visit www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com