

Background

The Digital Policy Alliance visited Plymouth in March 2017 as part of the launch of the Plymouth STEM strategy which schools will be aware of through communication from your representatives on PLP and the PLP CEO.

They were particularly impressed by the way the city is working together in partnership and have invited the city represented by Michael Dieroff, Managing Director of Bluescreen IT, to undertake and develop a cyber security skills pilot on behalf of the city.

Michael is a cyber security expert, a member of the Plymouth Employment and Skills Board and an advocate of supporting young people. He is also doing this specifically for Plymouth.

Michael is doing this alongside other stakeholders in the city working together to develop the pilot.

The Pilot

The pilot has three strands;

- Identifying those young people at risk of committing or practicing cybercrime. Plymouth has some notable examples of young people undertaking this. A HACKED campaign has been developed as part of the pilot which will be of particular use to school staff and parents in identifying possible activity with their young people, and it will support any work being undertaken as part of safeguarding or prevent;
- Creating a cyber skills pipeline based in Plymouth for employer staff, those interested in pursuing a legitimate career in cyber security here, regionally, nationally and internationally as the jobs and skills demand is there.
- Providing businesses with a cost effective series of tools to help support their own cyber security activity and prevent cyber-attacks, which are heard of more and more-including schools.

Schools in Plymouth have already signed up to the pilot and there is room for more should you be interested in being part of it.

The Digital Policy Alliance will be visiting in mid-July to view how the pilot has been developed and there will be a chance to meet Lord Lucas and Philip Virgo as well as other national digital Policy Alliance members who have direct links to Gvt as part of cyber skills and security.

It is very exciting and helps to put the City on the map in the eyes of Gvt.

If you wish to get involved then please contact Michael Dieroff - Michael.Dieroff@bluescreenit.co.uk or Edward Coley - Edward.coley@plymouth.gov.uk.

Thank you