Social media security

Aim	To create awareness of personal data posted online
Duration	Approx. 40 Min
Number of participants	5-25
Difficulty	easy
Conditions	Circle of chairs
Material	Paper, pens, flip chart, computer with internet access

Preparation

Before the meeting, look online for information about three of the participants simply by searching for their names. This exercise works best if the participants do not know each other too well. Be aware that you might also find wrong information, especially if the person has a common name. Do not use any information which could be abused in terms of bullying.

Description

Start the exercise by explaining what you have found out about the three participants during your research on the internet (e.g. "I know that Julia has one brother, she goes to this or that school and likes to watch films, etc.") The aim is to show how easy it is to find a lot of information about a person. Afterwards, ask the participants whether they were surprised or shocked about the information which you found. Have a look at the privacy settings together, e.g. on Facebook. Discuss the information that each person has made public and whether it e.g. could be used against him/her.

Alternative: You could also do the exercise in the form of a job interview, confronting the person with the information you found about him/her.

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