

The TWG was proposed in February 2012 and approved by ECREA in May 2012. Its formal objectives and modus operandi are available on the ECREA website. See also:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZSgCRW0PgxDkOLP8N6hjDaZY59O2Uu4Zc3LYJ15r7EY/edit>

**Activities and achievements to date:**

- We held a kick-off meeting at the ECREA conference in Istanbul, October 2012. In addition to a welcome by the Chair and one of the Vice Chairs, two speakers (Cynthia Carter and Michel Walrave) were invited to initiate discussion of mutual research interests. Some 40 scholars and research students were in attendance. A register of interests and email addresses was taken.
- We have established a listserv for regular communication among members: [LISTSERV@listserv.heanet.ie](mailto:LISTSERV@listserv.heanet.ie). The purpose of the list is to exchange news of ongoing projects and upcoming conferences and events, to identify emerging research interests and identify possible research collaborators. Currently, the list has 113 members, mainly from 19 European countries, though there are also members from the US, Japan and Brazil. The listserv is lively, with members debating mutual interests and the wider research and policy agenda. This is expected to continue.
- Jane Fleischer, a Ph.D. student at Augsburg University, Germany, was elected as the YECREA representative to the TWG. She anticipates working with research students to stimulate and support their participation in the TWG activities.
- Members have met at: the Youth 2.0 conference organised by Michel Walrave at the University of Antwerp, March 2013; and at The Children, Adolescents and Media section of the ICA conference, London, June 2013.
- At IAMCR, Dublin, July 2013. At IAMCR, we co-organised a panel on youth and online safety with the Audience Section. Additionally, Brian O'Neill organised a networking reception for the TWG, followed by a dinner in Dublin. Last, we organised a trip to Facebook (their European headquarters are in Dublin) which was very successful and for which extensive notes were circulated, to inform those working on public policy and social networking issues.
- Planning is now underway for the ECREA conference to be held in Lisbon, November 2014. After some discussion on the listserv, it has been agreed that the TWG's allocated panel session should be used to celebrate 25 years of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Several members have expressed interest in presenting papers for the panel on the communication dimension of this convention, and abstracts are currently being drafted for the formal panel proposal.
- It is also proposed to organise a pre-conference in Lisbon, the day before the main ECREA conference, with initial planning and themes for this event now under discussion.
- We anticipate that members will meet at ICA and IAMCR during summer 2014, with academic and social arrangements on the agenda of the management group.
- In support of the above activities, a further promotion and recruitment drive is anticipated, especially among the EU Kids Online network but also more widely, to be sure that the TWG is inclusive of researchers working on children, youth and media in Europe.

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