



Beyond the horizon: a new era for the rights of the child

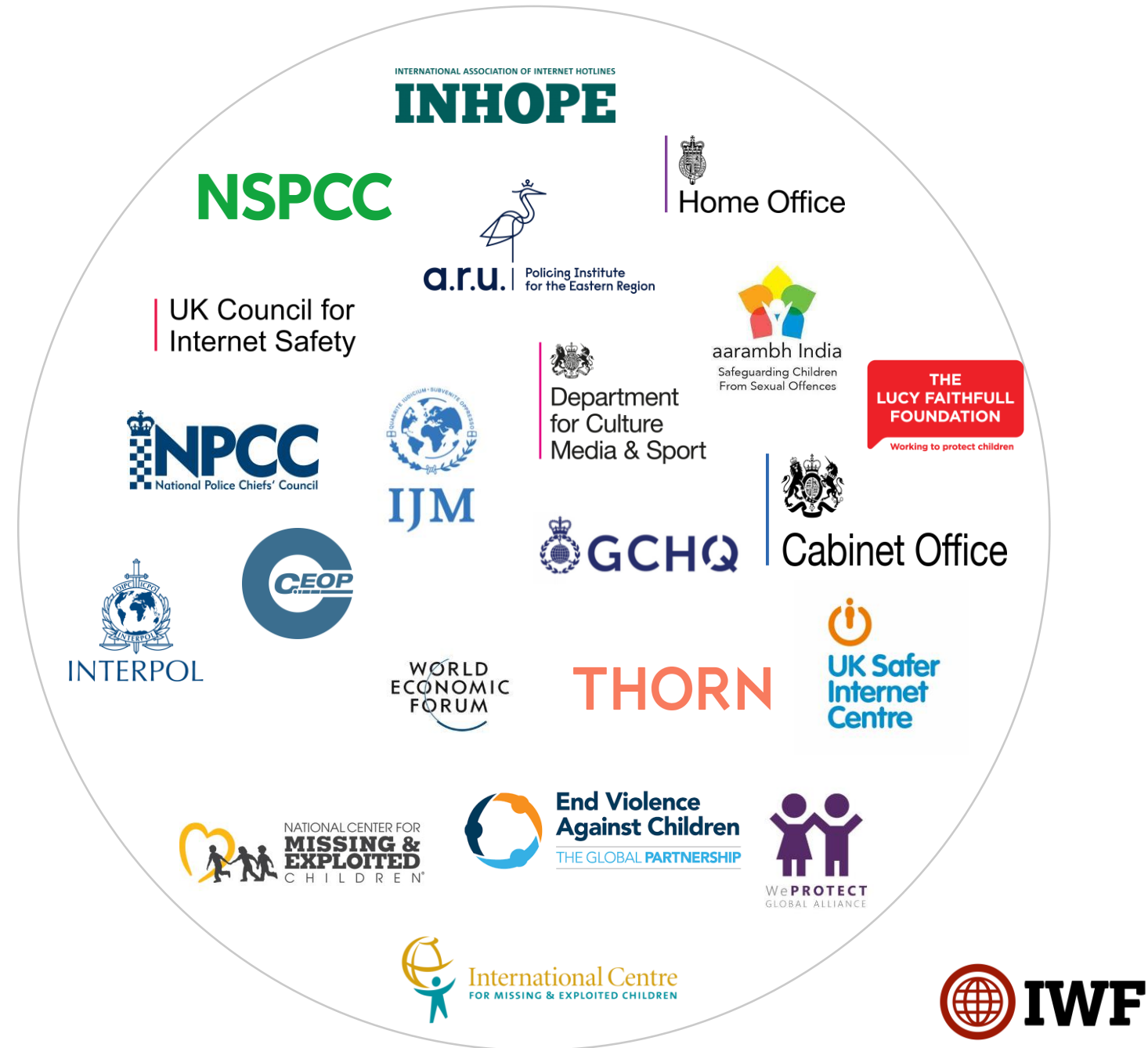
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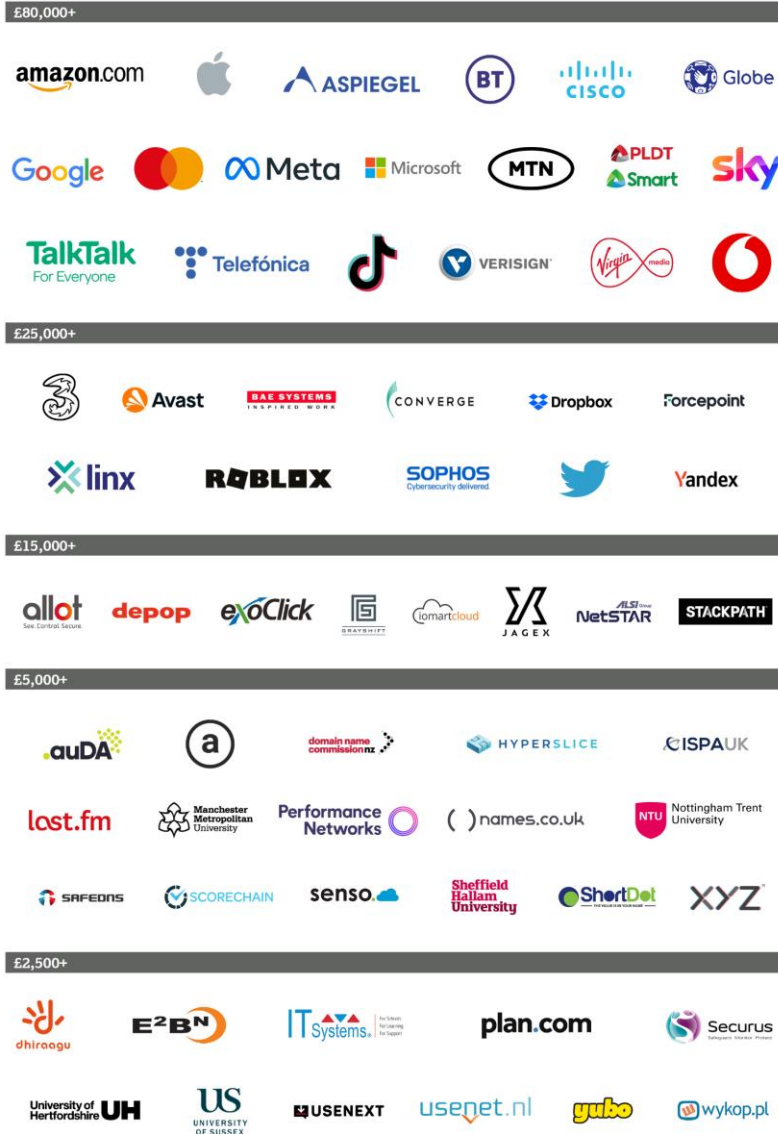


What is the IWF?

- We're a not-for profit child protection organisation, with a remit to remove online child sexual abuse wherever it is hosted in the world.
- We identify images and videos showing the sexual abuse of children, wherever they are found on the internet. We then work with partners and law enforcement globally to have them removed.
- For 25 years we've given people a safe place to report child sexual abuse imagery, anonymously – now in **49 countries**.
- More than 170 global technology companies make up our membership.
- We provide a range of technical services to prevent and disrupt the distribution of child sexual abuse material.
- We are partners in the UK Safer Internet Centre with Childnet and SWGfL



Our Members



Scale of the problem: 2021

- **361,062** reports assessed.
- **252,194** reports confirmed as child sexual abuse imagery which equals millions of images & videos: **64% increase from 2020.**
- **72%** included 'self-generated' imagery (a 168% increase on 2020)
- Just **0.15%** of child sexual abuse material is UK-hosted.
- 11 to 13-year-old children were most seen age group: **68%** of all actioned content.

In 2021, we assessed a webpage every one-and-a half minutes.

Every two minutes, that webpage showed a child being sexually abused.

IWF Tech-for-good Services

Ten IWF services for tech/internet companies, including:

- IWF URL List –In 2020 over 4-week period 3 ISPs in UK alone recorded 8.8m attempts to access list.
- IWF Keywords – list of search terms to be blocked.
- IWF Hash List:
 - A list of digital fingerprints of unique images of CSAM (currently 1.2m) used by industry to prevent upload of any duplicates.
 - Also used with Crawlers to proactively search the internet for matches.
- **IntelliGrade**: IWF developed tech allowing hashing of images compatible with global laws and classifications. iwf.org.uk/IntelliGrade



Thanks for listening

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