

On Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, three students from Adazi Secondary school – Armands, Katrina and Elize – visited a seminar for youngsters called „Me in the environment of digital media” in the National Library of Latvia. Overall there were about 100 participants if not more. Since we are getting ready to participate in the Erasmus+ project HANDS ON MEDIA LITERACY, we wanted to learn more about the importance of internet safety nowadays.

The seminar started with discussions about consequences and safety on the Internet, and also about the digital labour market.

Maija Katkovska, representative of Safe Internet Association, showed the participants the results of two very interesting social experiments - “How much can we know about you from the Internet?” and “Faux casting”. The latter showed astonishing results – 74 parents gave away private information of their children, only 4 were curious or suspicious and asked questions!

After Maija there were two social media experts – Vilhelms Meistars and Arturs Mednis. Arturs focused on plagiarism and first impressions a person creates on social media while Vilhelma talked about how internet can be used to create a career path for an individual and also acquaintances, how responsible you should be in this environment.

The last, but not least, on stage stepped Reinis Zitmanis. He talked about how we live in a “Rental Age” at the moment and how emojis and short texts affect writing skills of the modern generation.

The last topic of the seminar was about the future – IT skill required for future employment possibilities, professions that we slowly disappearing in today's labour market.

Overall it was an experience to remember, the discussions were very topical and interesting to pay attention to. Thank you Net-Safe Latvia for organizing this wonderful event!

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