

# Islington Library and Heritage Services

## Acceptable Use Policy for electronic library resources.

We believe that citizens are entitled to have access to electronic library resources in Islington Libraries for their Information, education, and recreation needs. Any person who is a member of Islington Libraries may use them. We provide access to the Internet, but do not have control over its content:

- We do not filter web-sites for content.
- We cannot watch all computers at all times.
- We do not block Chat-rooms.

Children aged **7 or under** must be accompanied by an parent or carer (any person aged 16+ who is known to the child) to use the Internet. They must have a letter signed by a parent agreeing to their supervised Internet use. Children aged **8 - 15** can use the Internet unsupervised but must get a letter signed by a parent or legal guardian agreeing to this. Young people aged **16 - 17** do not need to obtain permission to use the Internet.

You are responsible for your use of these services. Please use them in accord with the council's "Dignity For All" policy. The following actions are not acceptable and may result in your access to these services being withdrawn and the police being informed.

- Accessing or transmitting illegal, offensive or defamatory material - text, images and / or sounds.
- Using foul or abusive language.
- Causing a disturbance while using a computer or games console.
- Deliberately damaging the computer, console, related equipment or the library network.
- Refusing to leave a computer or console when your booked session is over.
- Threatening, verbally or physically assaulting staff.

If you are late for a booked session it may be given to someone else.

We recommend that you do not enter or send personal or private details over the Internet. We do not accept liability for anything you might buy or sell on the Internet from any library computer. E-mails are easy to intercept and there is no guarantee over the confidentiality of e-mails.

- Do not send confidential, sensitive or personal data via e-mail.
- Do not send anything illegal: i.e. anything that is defamatory, copyrighted or pornographic.
- Do not send abusive messages.
- Do not attempt to monitor, intercept read or tamper with anyone else's e-mail.

Because of licensing restrictions the use of TV Tuners attached to computers is not permitted in any Islington library.

