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What has 'The Hague' got to do with 'Roblox' and keeping young people safe online.

Europol, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, has its headquarters based in The Hague and also collaborates with non-EU countries.

Europol has created an award-winning free resource known as Cyber Defenders. Developed on the popular Roblox platform, it aims to teach children essential online safety skills in a fun, interactive, and immersive way.

Roblox is a versatile global gaming platform which allows players, of all ages, to explore a vast variety of interactive experiences and, with an estimated 85 million daily active users, we must accept that not all players are genuine.

In [Cyber Defenders](#), players are given tasks by Europol that lead them to catching criminals. As the player completes more tasks, they advance through different levels and face different cybercrime challenges such as fraud, identity theft, and online grooming.



By leveraging a familiar platform and engaging children through a game, Europol hopes to empower young users, in a safe environment, to grow in awareness and resilience, to navigate the online world safely and making them comfortable asking for help.

In the development of the game, key safety measures were implemented. This does not eliminate the need for adult supervision.

The resource has also been developed for use within the [classroom environment](#) with an array of ready to use resources for teachers to support cyber safety lessons.

These include a [teaching fact sheet](#) 10 rules of [Safe Online Gaming](#) and a [covering letter](#) to parents / carers should the resource be used in the teaching environment.

If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101.