

RECOMMENDATION

Harassment new trends:

Cyber-bullying is an online form of harassment that targets young people, working by spreading, mainly through social networks, offensive photos and images, or with the creation of denigratory sites. From the studies conducted by two Italian Universities it emerged that, globally, the nation with the highest number of declared cyberbullying victims is New Zealand, followed by Ireland and the USA. Italy places itself ninth, with the highest concentration in the North-East, where 35% of the people interviewed claims that he/she has been bullied more than once in a year time, and an astounding 24% one or more times on a monthly basis. Cyberbullying victims represent 8,5% of the sample – an increase from last year 6%, 70% of which are women. 12% of the people interviewed (58%, the majority, women) complained about the diffusion of false informations and private images in the social networks. The connection between self-inflicted wounds, depression, attempted and committed suicide, and cyberbullying, is highly evident. Lions Quest and other Lions's projects, to be implemented and, if necessary, adjusted, stand among all the other public initiatives.

Recommendation: . Given the importance of this problem, we ask the Lions European Council to take the following path: Recommend to the MD, D, Undistricted Clubs and Leo Clubs to: a) Stimulate the Clubs to debate about the problem of bullying among youth during their meetings, b) Introduce in their own programmes dedicated services, c) Offer to cooperate with schools in their area to put into practice the respective fields of activity. d) .Implement Lions Quest programmes

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