

Cyber security initiative kicks-off in schools

Heart of Midlothian Innovation Centre has partnered with Stellar Omada to launch a Cyber Security Escape Room initiative for Edinburgh schools.

The educational programme, which follows a successful pilot, is aimed at raising awareness around online safety and it is expected that over 200 pupils from secondary schools across Edinburgh will take part in the sessions between December 9 and 11.

The initiative will see small groups of pupils work together to tackle simulated cyber security scenarios with guidance from the Stellar Omada and Innovation Centre teams.

Colin Frame, the company's founder and managing director, said: "I am continually alarmed at the spread of cyber crime and its impact not only on the business world, but also how it impacts society and young people in particular. We hope this initiative with Hearts can provide a blueprint for further activity in this important area."

Ann Park, director of community and partnership at Hearts, said: "The Innovation Centre works with over 2,000 young people every year from a broad range of socio-economic, ethnic, and educational backgrounds. We deliver free courses across a range of STEM and STEAM disciplines including coding, app development, and robotics.

“We are acutely aware of the increasing dangers faced online by young people and welcome this forward-thinking initiative.”

PICTURE: Pupils involved in the project