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Child Dignity Documentary

In 1990, the World Wide Web became a universal means of accessing data online.

It changed the fabric of our society.

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Countless people around the world are fighting against the growing threat to the innocence of children. This is their journey.

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The Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities-produced documentary, Child Dignity in the Digital World, puts a spotlight on the worldwide epidemic of online child sexual abuse and exploitation and the impact it has on our communities.

There are now 800 million youth online – and everyday there are those who seek to exploit the most vulnerable in our society. In today's digital society, content can be created and disseminated in a way that was unimaginable 20 years ago, creating a multi-billion-dollar industry around the sale and distribution of video and photographic material of extremely young and vulnerable children.

This powerful documentary captures stories, insights and anecdotes from faith leaders, advocates, professors and psychologists from around the world, all of whom are working together to combat the growing threat to the innocence of children. There is a lack of awareness about the extent and scale of online child sexual abuse and exploitation, and Child Dignity in the Digital World makes clear the urgent need for leadership, collaboration and international coordination to combat this difficult issue.

26 minutes of insights and experiences shared by **8** experts and faith leaders from all over the world.

Featured Experts

Through interviews with experts and activists in the field, Child Dignity in the Digital World highlights technological and social perspectives of the problem of online child sexual abuse.



**PROFESSOR ERNESTO
CAFFO**

*President and Founder, SOS II
Telefono Azzurro (Italy)*



PROFESSOR HANY FARID

*Data Scientist, University of
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ERNIE ALLEN

*Global Expert on Child
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SONYA RYAN

*Founder & CEO, The Carly
Ryan Foundation (Australia)*



DANA HUMAID

*Interfaith Alliance for Safer
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**FRANCESCA
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*Clinical and Forensic
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*Sikh Leader, Guru Nanak
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RABBI DIANA S. GERSON

*Associate Executive Vice
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Board of Rabbis (USA)*



SHEIKH IBRAHIM LETHOME

Shariah Scholar (Kenya)

Documentary Screenings

Two private screenings of the documentary have been organized this year. We are in discussions with our partners to organize additional screenings across the world.



NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

September 2019

A private screening of the documentary was held on the sidelines of the 74th session of United Nations General Assembly for ~50 attendees, including senior faith leaders and representatives from governments, international organizations and NGOs. The screening was followed by a Q&A session with some of the experts featured in the documentary.



CANBERRRA, AUSTRALIA

October 2019

A private screening of the documentary was held at the Parliament House Theatre in the Australian Federal Parliament in Canberra. The screening was organized in collaboration with the Carly Ryan Foundation and Office of the Australian Minister of Home Affairs. The screening was attended by prominent attendees including the Australian Minister of Home Affairs and the Australian Federal Police Commissioner.

In case you are interested in screening the documentary for your organization or at an event you are organized, you can contact us on



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Credits

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Alexander Wood

Director of Photography

Thomas Hines

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Motion Graphics Design

Binara Abayawardana

Featured Experts



**PROFESSOR
ERNESTO CAFFO**

Professor Caffo is founder and President of the SOS Il Telefono Azzurro Onlus, a non-profit Italian organization that promotes children's rights and fights children abuse. He is also a Chair Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, full-time Director of the Department of Paediatrics for the Hospital of University of Modena, and Director of the 6th edition of the Master Assessment and Intervention in situations of child abuse and paedophilia at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Professor Caffo is currently a board member of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) and of Missing Children Europe, and he is the author of several books and articles on child psychiatry, child abuse and children's rights. In 2018, Pope Francis appointed him as a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

Professor Farid is a professor at the University of California, Berkeley with a joint appointment in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science and the School of Information. At Berkeley, his research is primarily focused on digital forensics, image analysis, and human perception. His main area of expertise is developing techniques to analyze and authenticate digital content. Professor Farid has also developed and deployed technology for combatting the global distribution of child exploitation and extremism-related material. Prior to joining the faculty at Berkeley in 2019, he was a member of Dartmouth's staff after completing a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT.

Professor Farid received his undergraduate degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from the University of Rochester in 1989, an M.S. in Computer Science from SUNY Albany, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. He is the recipient of an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, and am a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.



**PROFESSOR HANY
FARID**

Featured Experts



DANA HUMAID

Dana is passionate about combating crimes against vulnerable people and the community. She is an advocate for child protection, and has contributed to child rights and protection legislations and policy development in the United Arab Emirates.

She is a founding member of the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities, which aims to mobilize faith leaders to contribute to the development of safer communities, tackling challenges such as child dignity in the digital world and hate crimes.

She works with several international organizations such as the Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) and the WePROTECT Global Alliance International Advisory Board. She has participated in a number of global conferences to raise awareness on the threats posed by online child sexual abuse and exploitation, including the 2017 Child Dignity Congress at the Vatican, the 2017 World Internet Conference in China, the 2018 Solutions Summit in Sweden, the 2018 Child Dignity in the Digital forum in Abu Dhabi and the 2019 Promoting Digital Child Dignity conference at the Vatican.

Francesca Scandroglio is a Licensed Psychologist. She holds a Master's Degree in Clinical and Forensic Psychology and she is pursuing her PhD in Neuroscience and Behavioral Science at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. She works at the Child Study and Research Center of SOS Il Telefono Azzurro, a non profit organization based in Italy, in which she takes care of studies, research and training on children and adolescents' rights. Her expertise focuses on abuse and exploitation against children, also in the online world.



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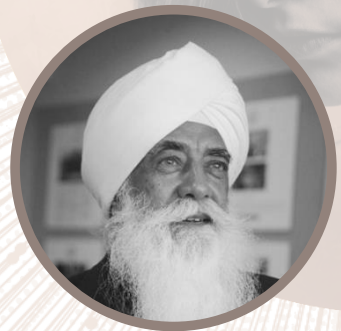


ERNIE ALLEN

Ernie Allen is a global expert on child abduction and sexual exploitation. In 2015 he was appointed by then-UK Prime Minister David Cameron to chair a global effort to combat online child abuse. He continues to serve as chair of an expanded WePROTECT Global Alliance following the merger with the EU/US Global Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Online. Previously, as President of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, he created the National Missing Children's hotline; the CyberTipline to report sexual exploitation; and brought forensic services to law enforcement. Over 180,000 missing children were found and the recovery rate increased from 62% to 97%. He led efforts to implement global policies on virtual currencies and the anonymous "Dark Web"; created new technologies to address child victimization; reduced a multi-billion dollar commercial child pornography industry to virtually zero; and addressed child victimization as a public health crisis. He was called "one of America's foremost social entrepreneurs" by President George W. Bush, named "Executive of the Year" by NonProfit Times and named one of the "Most Influential People in Security" by Security Magazine.

Bhai Sahib actively engages in interfaith collaboration for peace and harmony, and is passionate about empowering individuals and organizations with common religious values, through selfless service, education and exposure. Bhai Sahib is the third in line of Sikh religious leaders of GNNSJ UK, and since 1995, Chairman of the Nishkam Group of Charitable Organizations.

Bhai Sahib is the first British Sikh to be awarded the title of 'Bhai Sahib' by the Jathedars of the five most sacred Takhts (seats of authority). In April 2012, Bhai Sahib became the first Sikh to receive a Papal Knighthood of St Gregory the Great. Bhai Sahib has received multiple awards for his interfaith work including the Juliet Hollister Award, the 2017 Global Thinkers Forum Award, the 2016 African Interfaith Harmony Award and the Guru Nanak Interfaith Award.



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**RABBI DIANA S.
GERSON**

Rabbi Gerson is the Associate Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis (NYBR), where she has served since 2005. A major focus of her work has been to advance the NYBR's leadership role in confronting family violence, sexual abuse and the exploitation of children by reaching across faith communities. She has provided prevention education to thousands of community leaders and clergy, whose role she considers critical to ending the sexual exploitation and all forms of violence against children. Rabbi Gerson currently serves as the interfaith liaison between the NYBR and the UNICEF USA, where she has worked collaboratively with constituents to develop an interfaith toolkit for the End Trafficking Initiative and increase engagement through participation by communal leaders and clergy in educational forums focused on the protection of children and families. Rabbi Gerson was named as one of the 21 Leaders for the 21st Century for 2009 by Women's eNews. Her work in the faith community has been the focus of articles in the New York Daily News, Hadassah Magazine, Moment Magazine, Women's eNews, and the Mann Report, among others.

Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome has worked tirelessly to combat female genital mutilation (FGM), which is still supported by some Muslim communities as a religious practice, generating considerable conflict. Dedicating a major part of his life to studying relevant scriptures, he has published a number of works which encourage and open up religious discussions about FGM and provide concrete strategies to organizations for delinking the practice from Islam.

Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome holds master's degree in Law and Islamic Shari'ah from the International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan. He serves as a legal advisor to the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims and Secretary General of the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution.



**SHEIKH IBRAHIM
LETHOME**

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SONYA RYAN

Determined to help, Sonya is the Founder and CEO of the Carly Ryan Foundation, which was formed after the murder of her daughter Carly by an online predator in 2017. The goal of the foundation is to prevent harm to other innocent children and families and to help them navigate their online journey safely.

The Carly Ryan Foundation delivers online safety and healthy relationship seminars to students and parents. It also provides a range of services and support in the areas of internet safety and crime, cyberbullying, connection to resources and counselling and contributing to law and policy reform. The foundation has played an important role in the improvement of Australia's child protection laws.

Sonya Ryan was a finalist in the 2017 Human Rights Awards and is a previous winner of South Australian of the Year. In 2018, she was awarded the Mother of the Nation Award at the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities: Child Dignity in the Digital World Forum held in Abu Dhabi.



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