

# Langley Parents as Partners in Learning Presents



## Parenting in the Cyber-Age

with Merlyn Horton

Parenting has never been a simple job but with children and youth involved in online technologies at earlier and earlier ages, effectively parenting post-millennial children means keeping up with technology as well as the usual. Merlyn's Safe Online Outreach Society (SOLOS) presentations offer internet 101, information about cyber-bullying, exposure to online pornography and social media basics. SOLOS presentations offer information about the basics, examples of positive technology use, and tips for parenting wired kids. Youth use of online communication is presenting many new parenting challenges. This workshop will focus on equipping you with the tools to deal with these challenges. During this presentation Merlyn will discuss parents as "cyber-tourists"; youth as "cyber residents", emerging trends in online youth culture, high risk activities online, the nature of sexual exploitation in cyberspace, internet safety tips and resources.

Ms. Horton is a youth advocate who, prior to founding SOLOS, worked with high-risk, street entrenched, and sexually exploited youth for over fifteen years. Since the inception of the Internet, she has been researching, studying, and investigating the incidences and dynamics of online sexual exploitation as well as the intersections of technology and child abuse. Merlyn has presented her ideas across BC, Western, Canada, and internationally. She founded SOLOS in 2002 as a stand-alone non-profit society. In 2007, Ms Horton was the lead author on "Bridging the Gap: Best Practices and Policies to Address the Online High Risk Activities of Youth in BC", Merlyn is the recipient of the 2003 Myrtle Everett Woman of the Year Award and a 2008 BC Crime Prevention Individual Achievement Award.

Thursday, November 24th, 2011  
7:00 – 9:30pm  
Brookwood Secondary School  
20902–37A Street  
Langley

\$15 per person  
\$25 for two people

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**This workshop is for parents.**

