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We are pleased that the UK government is leading the way with initiatives such as the online safety act but many concerns remain. The UK needs to take the lead globally to protect us all from an increasingly misogynistic online environment.

A shocking global experiment has been carried out on the upcoming generation - they have been fed unfiltered online content which would be illegal offline. No wonder they are showing signs of distress.

Social media algorithms deliberately feed provocative content to keep consumers online for advertising purposes. Misogynistic influencers, racist memes, explicit sexual and violent content, self-harm sites and toxic beauty ideals are being amplified by a business model that prioritises profit over people's wellbeing.

Girlguiding's surveys have found a fall in girls' happiness levels related to the online environment and sexual harassment. [[Girls' Attitudes Survey 24](#) | [Girlguiding](#)] 60% of girls 13 and over have experienced sexual harassment. Young women members report the damage to their relationships caused by young men who are influenced by prolific and abusive online pornography.

Women leaders face appalling online bullying. The staggering increase of Tech-Assisted Violence / Tech Facilitated Gender Based Violence forcibly silences women in both civic and political spaces.

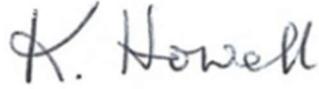
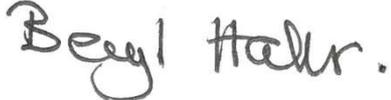
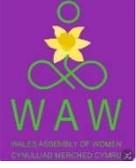
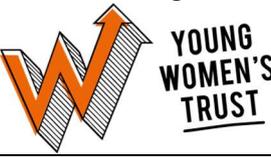
AI can also be used to coerce women and confirm biases. The rise of deepfake technology has enabled harassment, blackmail, and misinformation. AI-driven content moderation often fails to filter out misogynistic abuse, allowing gender-based hate speech to spread.

Tech and AI-related fields remain male-dominated, limiting women's influence over how these technologies are built and deployed. Girls need to be encouraged to pursue STEM subjects. AI systems need to be rigorously audited for bias, trained on diverse and inclusive datasets, and governed by strong ethical and legal frameworks.

National Council of Women GB, Girlguiding and Global Action Plan debated these issues with national and international partner organisations on 21st January of this year. Along with the co-signatories below, we request a meeting to discuss next steps.

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