



## Social Media – Things to consider

### Do's

- Act in a responsible manner when engaging with social media
- Think about your digital footprint – consider the data trail left by your interactions (in the digital world)
- Think about what you are posting – even if you delete your post it has probably already been seen, read or shared
- Be sensitive to others
- If you share a post, consider other people and whether they may find the post offensive
- Seek advice if you are being cyberbullied - Student Guidance Advisors ([http://www.staffs.ac.uk/support\\_depts/studentguidance/](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/support_depts/studentguidance/)) or Students Union (<https://www.staffsunion.com/advice/help/bullying/cyberbullying/>)
- Thoroughly check privacy settings
- If you are on a course that leads to professional accreditation, make sure you also familiarise yourself also with the relevant professional standards regarding the use of social media

### Don'ts:

- Don't post anything which may be offensive to others
- Don't use Social Media as a platform to complain about a third party
- Don't use Social Media to put somebody down
- Don't share personal pictures or information which will reflect badly on you
- Forget to log out on shared PC's
- Don't reveal information about you that could be used to steal your identity (e.g. date and place of birth), or that might reveal your actual whereabouts.
- Don't post or share photographs, content or other information if you do not have permission to do so.