

## **Barbara Grądkowska**

For many years, Ms. Barbara Grądkowska has been the coordinator of the nationwide educational program of the Personal Data Protection Office "Your data - Your concern Effective protection of personal data. Educational activity addressed to students and teachers", within which she deals with the prevention of threats to children and youth in the digital world.

She is also the Director of the Special School and Educational Center in Zamość, the mission of which is to educate children and young people with intellectual disabilities and autism how to live independently. As the coordinator of the "Your data - Your concern" program, she included the subject of personal data protection in the Center's activities, meeting the educational needs of students in this area. Thanks to her commitment to protect the privacy of students with intellectual disabilities and the educational activities in the field of personal data protection, those who are the most vulnerable in the world of modern technologies have the opportunity to learn how to safely navigate in the digital world and avoid threats. Ms. Barbara Grądkowska also interested local authorities and the media with her achievements in this area, contributing to the promotion of the principles of personal data protection and the right to privacy.

Thanks to the great involvement of Ms. Barbara Grądkowska, for the first time in Zamość, a meeting from the series of "#RODO provincial conferences in education" was organized. The meeting concerned the protection of personal data of people with intellectual disabilities. This topic is very important not only for the representatives of education from institutions specialized in educating children and youth with special needs, but also for the entire educational environment, due to the promotion of inclusive education.

As to the success of the educational initiatives undertaken by Ms. Barbara Grądkowska also another factor is of crucial importance - the teachers at the Center allow students to use modern technology tools that are particularly familiar to them. They pay special attention to practical education on the protection of personal data using the methods of case study, games, vlogs and activities. The high level of these activities is also evidenced by the fact that the effects of students' work have been included in the database of educational materials of the "Your data - Your concern" Program and are the inspiration for subsequent program participants. However, thanks to the activities undertaken, the pupils of the Center show a high level of knowledge and skills, and in subsequent editions of the "Your data - Your concern" program, they have repeatedly been enumerated among the winners of national competitions organized by the Personal Data Protection Office.

## **Jen Persson**

Ms. Jen Persson is the Director of the British, non-governmental organization DefendDigitalMe, founded in 2016. The organization works for civil liberties, and in particular supports the safe, fair and transparent processing of children's data in the education sector. Ms. Jen Persson's work with UK government bodies, educational institutions, industry, children's rights' and international organizations such as the Council of Europe, is particularly important in times of rapid technological development in education.

The excellent cooperation which was undertaken by the Personal Data Protection Office in 2020 with Ms. Jen Persson resulted in organising a seminar for teachers from European countries on remote education.

Having worked in commercial data projects and in the promotion of open knowledge and digital services, she dedicates her knowledge about privacy and personal data protection to the special protection of children's digital rights, and drew attention to this during the COVID-19 pandemic. An open letter coordinated by Ms. Jen Persson and signed by more than 30 organizations operating on five continents in April 2020, called on policy makers, data protection authorities and technology providers for education, to take action and encouraged international collaboration to protect children around the world during the rush to implement distance learning technologies.

She is a speaker at international conferences and the author of reports, including of the report *Children's Data Protection in Education Settings: Challenges and Possible Remedies* which was commissioned to support the development of Guidelines on Children's Data Protection in an Education Setting adopted in November 2020 by the Consultative Committee on Convention 108 of the Council of Europe. DefendDigitalMe's latest report, *The State of Data 2020: mapping a child's digital footprint in the education landscape*, makes recommendations with a view to the UK Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation, on holding power to account in public policy and the private actors in the digital environment including emerging online technologies and harms in edTech.

Ms. Jen Persson is an advocate of the role of data protection as a means to protect and to uphold the personal dignity and freedoms of all individuals equally, especially vulnerable and marginalised communities, online and offline, to promote the full range of human rights necessary in a democratic society and to foster human flourishing.

## **legal advisor Maciej Gawroński**

Mr. Maciej Gawroński is a person with many years of experience and extensive knowledge in the field of personal data protection, both in Poland and abroad. He is an authority dealing with the issues of personal data processing in the cloud (cloud computing), cybersecurity, IT and intellectual property, whose importance is appreciated by national and international legal rankings, listing him among the leading law specialists in these areas.

His experience was also appreciated by the European institutions, with which he worked as an expert of the European Commission on cloud data processing contracts and a consultant to the Article 29 Working Party, now replaced by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB). In the period accompanying the work on the implementation of the reform of the personal data protection system in the EU, he made a significant contribution to the creation of tools supporting the implementation and application of the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation.

He is the author of many scientific and practical studies in the field of personal data protection, which he publishes regularly in Poland and abroad. He has many publications in his output, being the editor and co-author of books on the General Data Protection Regulation and several articles at the junction between law and technology.

He is an experienced lecturer, appreciated by students and hearers in particular for the practical and substantive presentation of the issues of personal data protection.

By practicing as a legal advisor specializing in the issues of the right to privacy and personal data protection, he contributes to raising the level of knowledge, advising on how to move legally in the era of rapid development of modern technologies and digital transformation.

Mr. Maciej Gawroński is an experienced lawyer, expert and very good practitioner who has been actively supporting the protection of personal data in Poland for many years. By participating in numerous conferences and other events related to the protection of personal data, both in the country and abroad, he adds his invaluable voice to the discussion on the directions of activities in this area. In the dimension of popularizing public awareness of personal data protection, it is also worth appreciating his active participation in social media with a valuable voice on issues related to the protection of personal data.