32693 - Da’wah via private chat

the question

I hope that you could tell me of a specific way to make da’wah to the youth via chat, because I found that some of them respond. I hope that you can help me.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Entering chat rooms may lead to many evil consequences, hence we do not advise anyone to focus his concern and energy on that. Many of the youth have been tempted to use chat rooms to get to know girls, so it starts with da’wah and ends with becoming preoccupied with and tempted by these girls, and some of them have even committed fornication.

Our website has heard of many sad stories, some from girls who have repented, and some from the wives of some righteous men whose lives have been changed by these chat rooms.

Hence we think that this matter should be left to some daa’iyahs to carry out in an organized and collective fashion, because of the fear of evil consequences that start with chatting for the purpose of da’wah and end – usually – with evils that are not permitted in Islam, such as infatuation and what it leads to. The Shaytaan has ways that he follows with those whom he wishes to tempt, so we must beware of these things.

We appreciate your protective jealousy (gheerah) with regard to people’s falling into sin, and your keenness to call people to Allah, but we would prefer you to direct your energies towards general writing on bulletin boards and delivering khutbahs and teaching in the mosques and in public places. This is more beneficial and is better for you – in sha Allah – than using private chat for da’wah.

And Allah knows best.