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Welcome to Newsreel,

Presenter: Facebook is once again making headlines

Would you give up your privacy for \$20 a month? Facebook has been accused of convincing teens to do just that.

Liam: If we really want to tackle body confidence, we have to work with young people

Also, in today's show: changing the perception of body image
I'm Layla May, your London based reporter.

- **Facebook pays teens for private data**

Facebook has been accused by TechCrunch of convincing teens to give them most of their phone data for up to \$20 a month! But Facebook says it got users permission and that less than 5% were teens. So why has the use of this app caused so much controversy?

Tech analyst, Ryan Eldridge explains to Fox News:

Ryan Eldridge: Their supposed to be using it only amongst employees and on campuses. What they're using it for here is actually distributing it to non-employees, in fact, paying people for market research.

Facebook was forced by Apple to shut down the app.

- **And now, changing the perception of body image**

Teens often worry about the way they look and compare themselves with others. In fact, one in four young people say that body image is their top concern. Some campaigns like the Be Real Campaign have been set up to help people with concerns.

Liam: Let's give an avenue for people to feel more confident about their bodies.

I met with Liam Preston, the head of Be Real, which promotes body confidence.

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Liam: With all of the pressures within society for people to look a certain way, for people to have certain weight or shape, the campaign is there to say it's okay to be who you are and the way you look.

Layla: You say you want to give young people a voice to tackle issues such as body image. How are you giving them this voice?

Liam: Over the last two years we've created something called our Be Real Ambassadors and that's around real people telling their real stories about their body confidence journeys

Dance fanatic and actress in training Kianna, is the youngest Be Real Ambassador at 15. She's passionate about body confidence and wants to help create a body confident nation. I decided to meet with Kianna before her dance class:

Layla: Why do you want to help others with body confidence?

Kianna: If we all help each other, then there's no judgement.

Kianna suffered with body image issues when she was around 10 years old and uses her passion for a dance as a way to help overcome this.

Kianna: I do dance, what I started to do there is not worry about what everybody else, what's considered to be perfect and normal because there isn't anything like that.

The rising use of social media is also blamed for causing young people to worry about their body image. Liam explains.

Liam: There is a lot of pressure from all around young people to look a certain way. And when we've gone out and spoken to young people as part of our research 52 percent of them blamed it on social media.

- **And finally, could you imagine swimming to school every day?**

While most of us go to and from school in a car or a bus, some children in remote communities still wade through water simply because they don't have any other option.

Jay Jaboneta explains why he started a fundraiser to help children in the Philippines. Taken from Facebook:

Jay Jaboneta: It was one of my friends who encountered this community of seaweed farmers.... where children were basically swimming when they were going to school...it made me think we should do something about it.

The Yellow Boat Project collects individual funds to help children get to school safe and dry by providing them with a yellow school boat.

From the first boat that was given to the community of seaweed farmers in 2011, they have built more than 4,600!

That's all for today. We'll be back again on the 23rd February! Thanks for listening!

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