

Involving the public in AI policymaking: Experiences from the People's Panel on AI at the UK AI Summit Fringe

Welcome

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Introductions

Please introduce yourself and share in the chat: *“What is one question around AI that you think needs greater public input?”*

We’re recording this session for note-taking. The session is taking place under the Chatham House rule, and will be written up afterwards on the Connected by Data blog.



Agenda

- Introduction & about the Panel
- Hearing from the Panel
- Insights from the Advisory Group
- Recommendations and discussion

About the People's Panel on AI

Setting the scene

Letter signed by Elon Musk demanding AI research pause sparks controversy

The statement has been revealed to have false signatures and researchers have condemned its use of their work



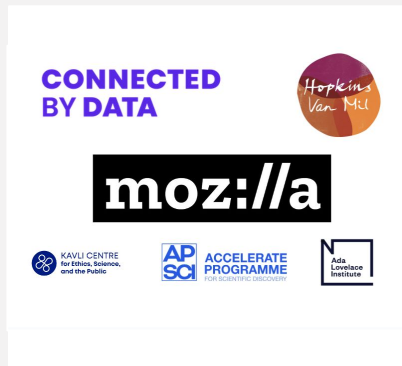
UK to host first global summit on AI safety, Rishi Sunak announces

RISHI SUNAK | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE | POLITICS | TECHNOLOGY | © Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 11:04am

Amshika Sethana
Deputy Political Editor




Mr Sunak wants the UK to be a world leader on AI safety.



In numbers

 **6** weeks from design to delivery

 **12** members of the public recruited

 **15+** hours of learning

 **8+** hours of deliberation

 **7** recommendations

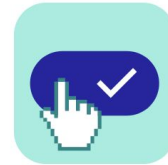
 **10** advisory group members



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Invited

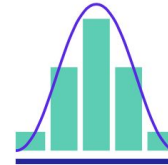
Invitations were sent through Sortition Foundation's opt-in list, reaching a broad sample of people across England.



490

Expressed Interest

Those who expressed an interest in taking part completed a short question about prior experience of AI.



12

Selected

A stratified lottery delivered diversity of age, gender, region, urban/rural location, local level of deprivation and prior experience of AI.



11

Final Group

One participant had to drop out due to illness. The rest of the group engaged through onboarding phone-calls, pre-session webinar and in-person sessions.

Learning and deliberation



Tuesday

Travel to London

Fringe panel
Why we need this conversation [on AI Safety]

Deliberation Early impressions of AI and clarification of key points

Wednesday

Hands on Learning with Generative AI

Fringe panel
Public voice and AI

Engagement workshop Hopes and Fears Lab

Fringe panel
AI and climate

Deliberation

Thursday

Fringe panel AI and the future of work

Deliberation including review of Safety Summit Webcast

Invited experts
Discussing the roles for government, industry, civil society and academia for the future of AI

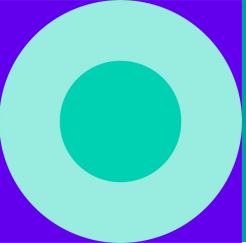
Fringe panel AI and the information ecosystem: safeguarding democratic institutions and processes

Deliberation

Friday

Deliberation

Public presentation of findings



Recommendations

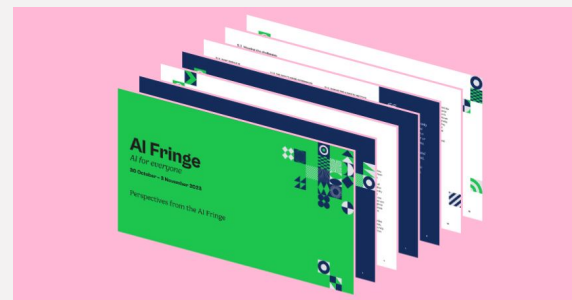
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- **(2) A system of governance for AI in the UK that places citizens at the heart of decision making.**
- **(3) Awareness raising about AI across society.**
- **(4) A safe transition, with training, to support people into a world of work alongside AI, ensuring no-one is left behind.**
- **(5) A continued national conversation on AI, including retaining the People's Panel**
- **(6) Focus on inclusive collaboration, to set out a vision of life where AI is used to enhance and balance human needs.**
- **(7) Stakeholders acting with transparency at all times**

Responses

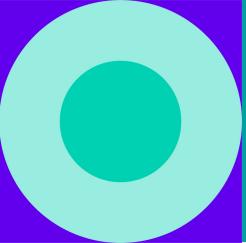
“What was very humbling is, if you bring 11 people from ordinary life into these discussions, and you get to sit and listen to them about the issues that matter to them, you realize how in the weeds we get and actually listening to all of you talk about how is this going to impact on education security? How is this going to impact on my job? How is this going to affect my neighbourhood who is disabled? You realize that these are the very human things that people want to talk about. And this is how I feel we should be framing our wider discussions about artificial intelligence.”

“I think this is an extraordinarily valuable gift to all of us in the tech community and to the rest of the country, the entire country, and trying to figure out who we want to be and how we want to work with these technologies. ... I was personally particularly struck by the world of work recommendation, and thinking about safe transitioning and leaving no one behind. We have talked a lot ... about the dangers and the need to stop and slow down and be careful and those conversations are important. But I think also the conversations of the opportunities and where we can make things so much better in daily life and work in how we do the things we do. And I really liked that that recommendation was specific and tangible with training and taxes.”

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Hearing from the Panel



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Insights from the Advisory Group

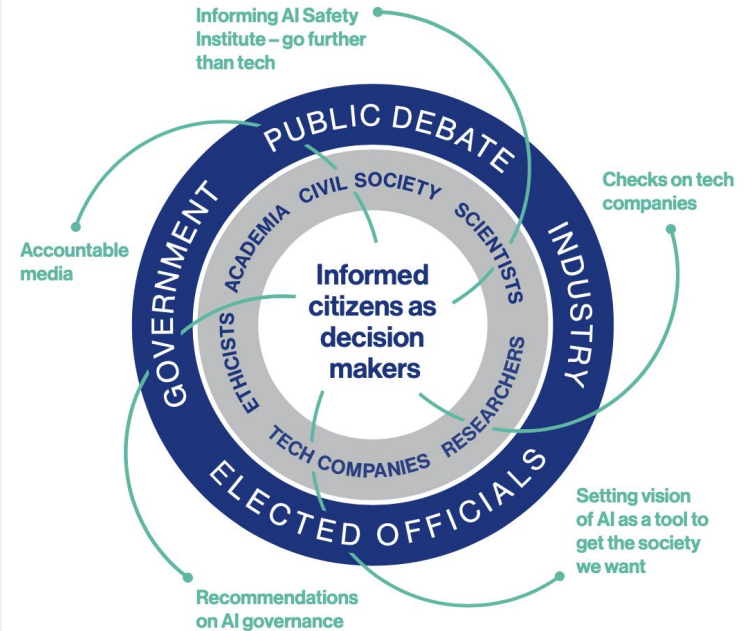
Looking forward: embedding deliberative review

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Publics around the table

- **If you are convening** summits, conferences or AI governance discussions then commission a parallel deliberative review that invites representatives of affected communities to engage and input.
- **If you are sponsoring** AI events and activities then allocate support and funding for public engagement and work with independent facilitators to deliver robust processes.
- **If you are making decisions** about AI, from policy design to AI model releases, then embed a deliberative review into your decision making.



Visual developed by the People's Panel on AI to describe a vision of future public engagement in AI governance

Thank you

Questions and discussion time



Discussion time

- Raise hand in Zoom
- Questions, comments, discussion points all welcome

Thank you