

Children & AI Design Code: from theory to practice

Virtual event | 29 April 2025, 17:00-18:15 CET

5Rights Foundation and the Digital Futures for Children centre are delighted to invite you to celebrate the launch of the Children & AI Design Code, a pioneering new protocol for the development and use of AI systems that impact children.

AI is reshaping the world at an unprecedented pace, yet consideration of its impact on children remains woefully absent from public, policy, and technical debates. Developed by leading global AI, child rights and legal and policy experts, the Children & AI Code is a practical and actionable framework to ensure AI innovation caters to children, by design and default.

In the tradition of 5Rights and the Digital Futures for Children centre, we invite our global community to an interactive conversation with some of the leading voices in digital governance alongside experts behind the Code.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and introduction to the Children & AI Design Code [17:00-17:10 CET]
 - **Baroness Beeban Kidron**, Chair of the 5Rights Foundation and the Digital Futures for Children centre, and a crossbench peer in the UK's House of Lords.
2. Understanding the challenge and meeting the need – a guided conversation between experts, moderated by Leanda Barrington-Leach, Executive Director of 5Rights Foundation [17:10-17:25 CET]
 - **Professor Sonia Livingstone**, Director of the Digital Futures for Children centre, Professor of Social Psychology at the London School of Economics Department of Media and Communications.
 - **Professor Ali Hessami**, VC & Process Architect, IEEE Ethics Certification Programme for Autonomous & Intelligent Systems, Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers.
3. Bringing the Code to life – a guided conversation between international regulators, moderated by Baroness Beeban Kidron [17:25-17:45 CET]
 - **Amandeep Singh Gill**, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies.
 - **Michael O'Flaherty**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.
 - **Neema Lugangira**, Chair of the African Parliamentarians' Network for Internet Governance, Member of Parliament, Tanzania.
4. Q&A – [17:45-18:15 CET]