

Digitalisation & AI: The future of youth information?

Webinar

28 September 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 CET

It is without question that Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digitalisation are having a profound impact on our lives. New digital technologies are revolutionising the interaction between governments, public services, and citizens. With young people being those most exposed to digital technologies, algorithms, and online ways of interaction, this begs the question as to how big data and new technologies are affecting them and how the youth information sector should evolve. What changes will have to be made to ensure further access to information, public services, and social rights? How can youth information services guarantee the right to privacy, data protection and a personalised approach while making use of new information technologies? How can we support young people in becoming responsible and literate digital citizens? Further, how can the youth information sector make use of AI to cater to the needs of young people, and which risks must be averted and tackled?

Taking place on the International Day of Universal Access to Information, this webinar, conducted in the framework of the Partnership between ERYICA and the Council of Europe, aims to explore the impact of AI and new digital technologies on youth information services. With a diverse panel featuring experts, young activists, and youth information workers, the webinar aims to provide a fruitful discussion about the challenges and opportunities of AI and new digital technologies, while exploring the future of youth information and counselling.

Keynote Speaker:

Veronica Stefan is a professional with more than 15 years of experience, working intensively at the intersection of human rights, education, youth, new technologies and digital governance.

She has been engaged in research, public policy and project management initiatives while consulting for various stakeholders such as Council of Europe, UN agencies, European Union bodies, Estonian Education and Youth Board and other international organisations. Her activity includes contributions on youth and Artificial Intelligence, youth participation in Internet Governance multistakeholder processes, developing media and digital competences for educational and youth actors, understanding the impact of digital transformation on Civil Society Organisations, civic actors, and social inclusion of young people. In 2015 Veronica has founded the first Romanian Digital Think Tank, [Digital Citizens](#), with an aim of connecting different sectors and everyday citizens with European and international digital decision-making processes.

Panelists:

Jana Degrott is one of the youngest elected politicians in the EU. Since 2017, she is a councillor in Steinsel, Luxembourg. Jana studies law in Brussels and is the co-founder of the podcast series [We Belong Europe](#) and a writing contributor and host of the podcast [Waat Leeft?](#) in the Luxembourgish newspaper de Journal. As Luxembourgish youth representative, she has been representing the voice and needs of youth at various international conferences for over a decade and became One Young World ambassador.

Kira Schmahl-Rempel works as a Project Consultant at **IJAB** (Fachstelle für internationale Jugendarbeit der Bundesrepublik Deutschland). She studied media science as well as modern history and psychology. She has been working in the field of youth information for over ten years. Her thematic focus has been on data and consumer protection. The exchange with young people is always enriching for her. She was a Project Consultant on the [Webdays](#) project.

Sabine Humpf is a Project Consultant at **IJAB** and studied adult and further education as well as vocational education/social pedagogy with a qualification as competence trainer. Sabine has experience in designing and realising various forms of digital youth projects. She is passionate about opportunities and challenges of digitalisation in the youth work field. She is a Project Consultant on the [Youth Amplifier](#) project.

Programme

Moderated by Ela Jakubek-Grootjans from Visuality

10:00	Welcome
10:10 – 10:30	Keynote speech by Veronica Stefan
10:30 – 10:40	Questions & Answers
10:40 – 10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 – 11:30	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jana Degrott- Kira Schmahl-Rempel- Sabine Humpf
	Q&A
11:30 – 11:55	Group discussion
11:55 – 12:00	Closing