

Participatory Approaches to the Ethics of Emerging Technologies for Children - Application

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1 WHY DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

As a researcher with a great passion for ethical considerations in AI and smart technologies, particularly in relation to its effects on children, I have been following developments in emerging technologies and relevant research closely. Potentially having the opportunity to attend this full-day workshop is incredibly exciting to me. I believe that this workshop, focusing specifically on participatory approaches to consider ethical issues surrounding emerging technologies for children, will provide a unique forum for both myself and fellow researchers to come together and share their experiences and knowledge in this very important area of CCI.

The chance to talk about my continuing study into the ethical issues surrounding robot embodiment and children's hopes and fears in this context is one component that really fascinates me. I realise the value of meaningfully involving children in research projects in order to understand their perspectives and make sure that any emergent technologies are developed in a way that is responsible and ethical. I am just starting out working with children, thus, I am particularly interested in having the chance to examine others' research and conclusions in a meaningful way; I believe this workshop will provide me with such an opportunity.

I am particularly excited about the potential, in attending this workshop, to become a bigger part of the community of researchers and stakeholders interested in the ethical considerations of emerging technologies for children. Collaboration in this field is beneficial by its very nature; having the opportunity to discuss studies and their findings. Therefore, I believe that this workshop will provide an excellent opportunity for me to able to discuss and form connections with other professionals who share a similar passion for this important area of research.

2 WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

As someone pursuing a PhD in AI ethics with a specific focus on children, I believe that I can bring a unique perspective and expertise to this workshop. My PhD, entitled "Empowering Children as Critical Thinkers and Designers in the Future of Artificial Intelligence," is focused on understanding how children can be involved in the design and development of

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53 AI technologies in order to promote their agency and autonomy, along with how we can use these findings to better
54 improve both education and approaches for children to intelligent systems in future. My approach will be grounded in
55 the principles of participatory design and has the potential to empower children to become more engaged in shaping
56 the future of AI in a responsible and ethical manner.
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59 As mentioned previously, I am also currently working as a research assistant with Dr. Elisa Rubegni on a project
60 that seeks to investigate children's hopes and fears in relation to the embodiment of robots, and how this embodiment
61 can alter a children's initial perceptions of these intelligent systems; directly relevant to the focus of this workshop. I
62 believe that I can contribute to discussions around the potential use of participatory methods and processes in this area,
63 drawing on my experience in conducting research with children and using participatory design methods.
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67 **3 WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THE WORKSHOP?**

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69 Having had experience working with children in a research context through my position as an RA, I understand the
70 importance of engaging with them in a meaningful way in order to understand their perspectives without bias. I believe
71 I can contribute well to discussions around the challenges and opportunities of working with children and am also
72 interested in the opportunity of learning from others' tactics and skills to improve as I am aware that working with
73 children sometimes be rewarding, if not occasionally challenging!
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