

# Fireside Chats

Digital Enlightenment Forum would like to invite you to an online 'Fireside Chat'.

## What is this about?

We organize a small-size online meeting, lasting about 1 -1.5 hours, for a number of young and promising researchers including PhD and master's level students to have an informal chat with a senior person from the world of policy, politics, industry or academia. The senior person is the host and she or he will kick-off on a theme (see below). This is then followed by an open discussion. The intention is actually not only to exchange about the theme but also to hear about some of professional life experiences of the host. And perhaps – but without obligation - also to hear what is keeping your mind occupied.

## What is the intention?

Digital Enlightenment Forum is an informal community of people committed to the evolution of digitisation in society while respecting human values. We bring together a network of experts and professionals to create and stimulate multi-stakeholder discussions to find solution-focused strategies.

Over the years we have been organising events and undertaking commissioned studies. We had celebrities in our midst such as founder of the World Wide Web Sir Tim Berners-Lee, former European Commissioner Viviane Reding, and Internet visionary Andrew Keen. Often our meetings are held in Brussels and we have a reputation of organising high-quality discussions with policymakers.

We believe that it is important that we can talk to each other, learn from each other, benefit from each other's experiences and networks. Of course, we would like to see you being engaged in Digital Enlightenment Forum but there are no strings attached to taking part in our fireside chats.

## What can you get out of it?

We think that in a short meeting like this you will hear interesting insights about a theme that is close to your heart. We also think that you can pick up some practical ideas from the experience of the host in her or his life as a politician, policymaker, academic, entrepreneur, etc. Finally, you will meet online some people who are more or less at the same stage of their professional and academic life as you are, and perhaps you want to continue staying in touch with them. Each fireside chat will have some 6-8 participants, in addition to the host. We will make continued contact possible if you are interested. That's it!

We do hope that you join us! **Simply please respond to this email with yes or no**, or I am interested but cannot attend this time.

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