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Dialogue on Big Tech, AI, and its impact on Vulnerable Communities

In conversation with Luminate CEO Stephen King

Join us on 24 June 2024 for a special dialogue with Luminate CEO Stephen King on the impact of Big Tech and AI on vulnerable communities in Asia, and explore philanthropic strategies to mitigate these effects.

In 2018, Luminate was carved out from Omidyar Network to create just and fair societies, and hold governments to account. Under Stephen's leadership, Luminate has focused on areas advancing civic engagement, digital rights, financial transparency, and independent media.

The world is beset by 'polycrises'—conflict, climate change, and heightened geopolitical tension. Big tech platforms profit from a fractured information ecosystem—one that promotes misinformation around elections, public health, and migration, amongst others—affecting mental health, well-being, and social cohesion. Their business models thrive on polarisation, and rapid technological advances like generative AI supercharge these problems while regulation lags behind.

Philanthropy has a critical role in addressing these harms, regardless of areas of interest. There are opportunities for philanthropy to work together to create positive outcomes that put public interest back at the heart of the future of technologies that can benefit us all.

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, 24 Jun 2024
3.00 – 5.00 PM

LOCATION:

Braddell House, 1 Lor 2 Toa
Payoh, #05-01 Braddell House,
Singapore 319637



PROGRAMME

03.00 PM	Guest arrivals
03.30 PM	Welcome Remarks and introduction
03.35 PM	Dialogue on Big Tech, AI, and its impact on Vulnerable Communities by Stephen and Melanie
04:05 PM	Around the table member introduction
04.15 PM	Facilitated Discussion and Q&A
04:45 PM	Event ends + post-mingling

BIO STEPHEN KING

Stephen King is the CEO of Luminate. As CEO, he leads Luminate's team and strategy, and is responsible to its Board for the running of the organisation.

He brings over 25 years of leadership experience to his role, with a career focus on using media and technology to create positive social impact and hold power to account. Before joining Luminate, Stephen was a Partner at Omidyar Network, where he led the Governance & Citizen Engagement initiative and helped establish its global network of investments.

Prior to that, he worked at BBC Media Action where, as Chief Executive, he helped build the organisation's reputation as a global leader in using media to promote better governance and transparency, and improve the lives of the world's poorest. Stephen has held executive positions at several non-profit organisations and companies in the UK, North America, and Asia.

BIO MELANIE HUI

Melanie Hui is Vice President, Asia at and runs Luminate's global strategy practice.

She was previously Vice President of the Chandler Foundation, where she managed the organisation from its inception, devised its grant-making strategy, identified high-impact development grantees, and led its strategic engagements with other funders and partners.

Prior to this, Melanie was Vice President at the Clermont Group. There she managed corporate communications for the multibillion-dollar investment firm. Her previous experience also includes leading the CleanWater Foundation, where she launched a safe water micro-franchise serving rural communities in Bangladesh.

She started her career in external affairs at the World Bank, and served as the Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of the Asian University for Women.

PARTICIPANTS

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