Supporting Cities Coalition for Digital Rights at Toronto Public Library

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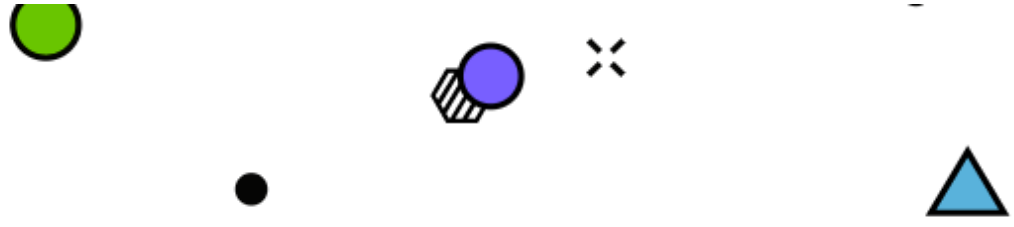

Cities for Digital Rights

To protect and uphold digital rights
at the local and global level

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Declaration of Cities Coalition for Digital Rights

1. Universal and equal access to the internet, and digital literacy

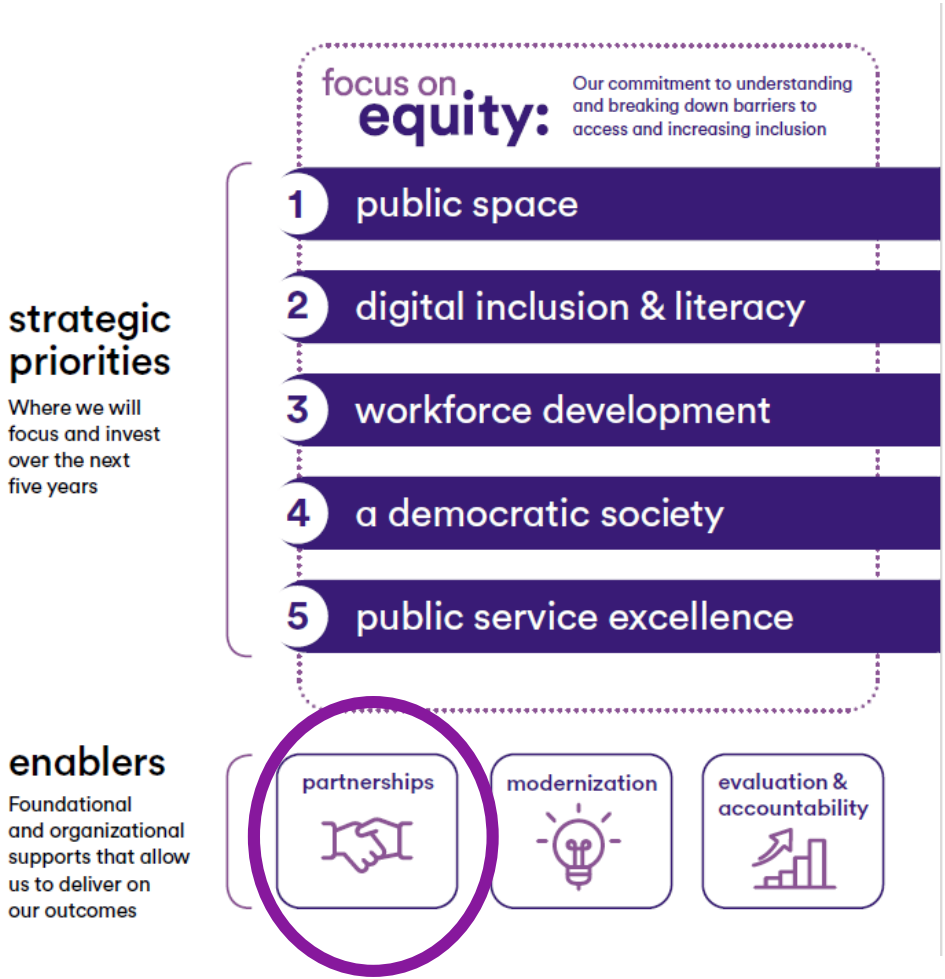
2. Privacy, data protection and security

3. Transparency, accountability, and non-discrimination of data, content and algorithms

4. Participatory Democracy, diversity and inclusion

5. Open and ethical digital service standards

Why TPL?

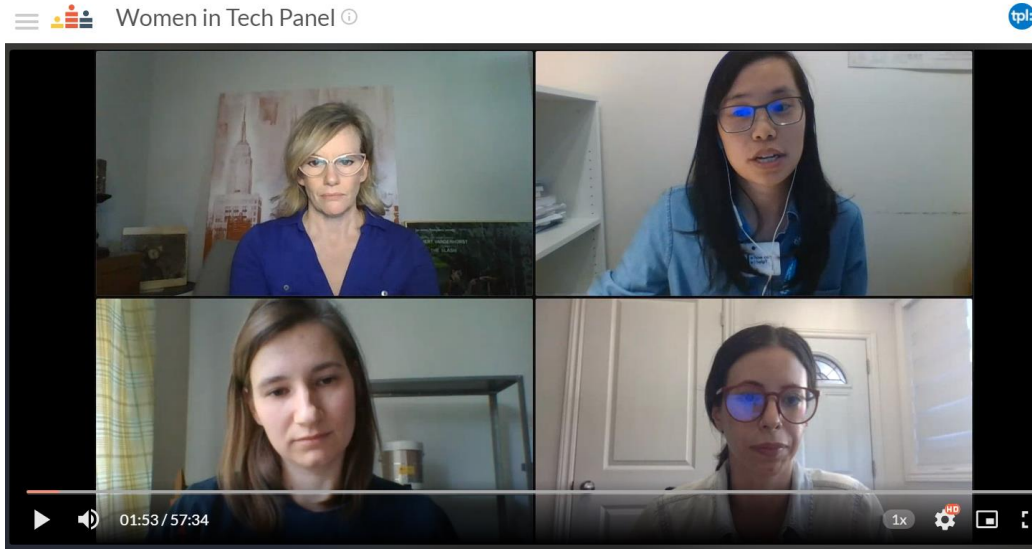

focus on equity:
Our commitment to understanding and breaking down barriers to access and increasing inclusion
strategic priorities
Where we will focus and invest over the next five years
1 public space
2 digital inclusion & literacy
3 workforce development
4 a democratic society
5 public service excellence
enablers
Foundational and organizational supports that allow us to deliver on our outcomes
partnerships
modernization
evaluation & accountability

Innovator In Residence (Data Privacy)

- Data governance
- Ethical AI
- Data privacy 101 for small businesses
- Smart cities and the responsible use of Data

Annual Events

- Digital Inclusion Week
- Data Privacy Week
- Hour of Code Week



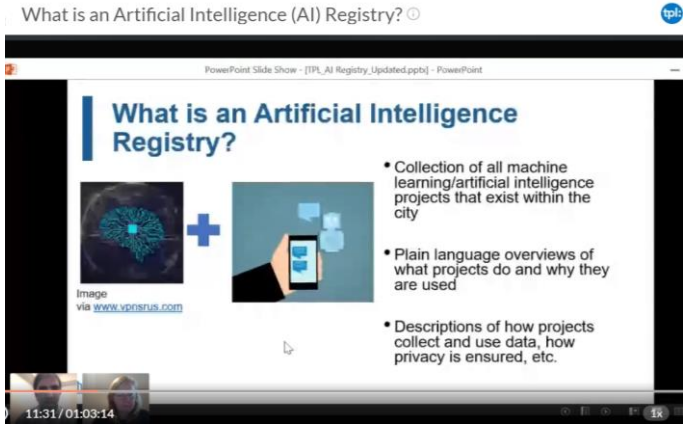
Community Experts

Expert-led discussions:

- Covid 19 Alert app
- Technology and art in 2SLGBTQ+ community
- AI and machine learning

Collaborative Programs

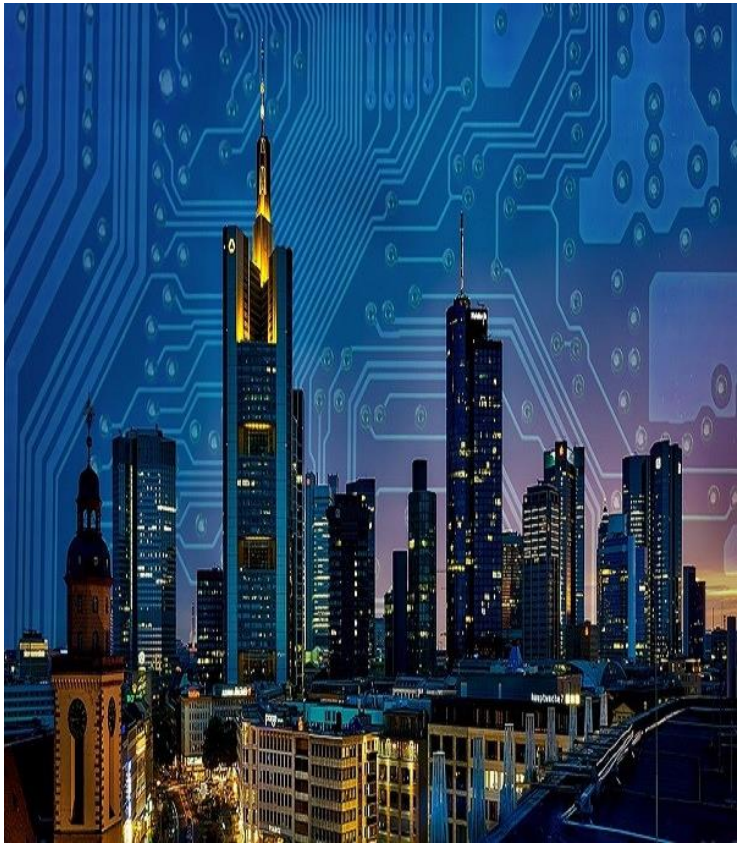
- Toronto Mesh Network
- City of Toronto Digital Infrastructure Team
- MIT Libraries



Collaborative Programs

Staff-Led Programs

- What is a Smart City?
- Data Visualization
- Digital Detox Strategies
- Culture and Tech Book Club



New “Eye on AI” Series

Experts discuss AI and machine learning and their impacts on everyday life.

Cities for Digital Rights: Environmental Scan

2022 Plans

- Algorithmic Literacy and AI programs
- Innovator in Residence (Artificial Intelligence)
- Digital Privacy Series and Digital Expo
- Lunch & Learn staff training sessions

Making An Impact

“The (Data Privacy Residency) provided a forum to promote the relevance and importance of data privacy at a time it was needed most – during a pandemic….

Teaching this program to an engaged audience, that was returning week after week, made it clear that the data privacy debate is addressing a genuine need in a diverse cohort of professionals, and privacy enthusiasts within our community. Many of which expressed earnest interest in pursuing future career paths in data governance.

Thank you for having me as TPL’s first Innovator in Residence for Data Privacy – it was truly a rewarding experience.”

- Migan Megardichian

Thank You!

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