

Transcript

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BRONWYN: "You can digitally control all of the design of the part up front."

JANE: Bronwyn Fox has given us a vision of the future, it is digital and it is automated. Krysia, I wondered where the humans are?

KRYSIA: I did too! I wondered how future technologies will work without human connection. The idea of our first Society 4.0 Event in 2018 was to ask: what is the digital future really going to look like, and how do we as citizens, community organisations, governments and corporates prepare for it?

JANE: It had 2 themes. The morning was about the increase of data, data analytics, risk and using data for good. The afternoon was the future of work. We had brilliant speakers and workshops.

ED: "More people are likely to trust AI to open a parachute than to set you up on a date".

KRYSIA: Ed Santow, Australia's Human Rights Commissioner, started the day. He cautioned the risks of using AI, current public naivety around data, and the need for ethical consideration.

NICK: "But right now is the time to bring social science research, reflective practice, community expectations and very public discourse into the space and really challenge what we've taken for granted. But also, closing the gap between this guy and the guy that he was talking to."

KRYSIA: Nick Davis of the World Economic Forum seized on how to fix this by partnering researchers with community.

JANE: Although frankly the data society was still looking scary until Vyii Englert from LA-based BrightHive and Tris Lumley from NPC UK showed us how they already do this. They use data for good. We need to listen, be brave, try, work for equity, pay it forward, and involve the community.

TRIS: "You can't miss the humans in that picture, right? I think that's the thing that is a joy about the non-profit sector, that it's built on relationships".

KRYSIA: After lunch, Beth Webster said industrial change isn't new. It will affect the type of work, nature of jobs, and skills. One thing's for sure, the poor and vulnerable always lose out. Andrew Dettmer talked about the decline of Australia's Union membership when work is automating. He had a solution though - in Society 4.0 we must work together and ...

ANDREW: "Change the rules".

JANE: We are already planning the next Society 4.0 event. You should be there.

