

Meeting agenda

Mozilla Insights Team Call

8:30-9:00 Wednesday, June 1st.

Hi, thank you all so much for letting me join your team meeting. I'm really grateful. My name is Cayla Key, and I'm here to basically just present a piece of work that I have done as a Mozilla fellow but also as part of my PhD. And what it is is a Manifesto for internet health written from the perspective of an Eco-feminist ethic of care.

So, care in a feminist tradition is not about trying to find ways to get people to care more, rather it's about paying attention to the politics ethics and values behind who and what gets caring attention and who and what doesn't. And from an Eco-feminist perspective that equally includes people and matter. So, it begins with the understanding that people cannot exist without our relationships to the things in our environment, some of which are alive, inert, sentient or not. But because they are all a part of the web of existence, they all require and are affected by ethical considerations.

And this is really a departure from a traditional justice ethics model (the 'Golden Rule') where we should do unto others as we would like them to do unto us. In care ethics, there's no possible universal ethic to be administered. Ethics is necessarily interdependent and specific because my history isn't your history, my worldview isn't your worldview. And this deficiency become really apparent once we start trying to take into account things in our environment because there are a lot of differences between, say, me and a bedrock or a towel. So when we start to think about things like internet health or Internet well-being and wanting to incorporate more and more of these ecological considerations and the ethics that come with it, I think it starts to become really clear that the predominant ethical framework maybe isn't enough.

So what the manifesto is trying to do is just lay out some principles to help think through what internet health could be when taking into account some more ecological stakeholders from this alternate ethical position. And some of these are essentially just a refraction, a different way of thinking about things that are probably already top of mind, but some of them might be a little more provocative sort of counterproposals. So, I'm very excited to hear what you all think because this is your you know every day bread and butter reality.

Because we don't have a ton of time, what I would love to do is maybe take a minute or two to skim the principles. Then as a group, pick 1-2 to discuss. I would love to hear everyone's thoughts generally about how this might fit in the things that you've been thinking about. Any projects that seem relevant or that come to mind. In what ways do you think it's problematic? Or really generative? And then my big ask really is if everyone could take some time and read the rest of the principles and respond in the Miro in whatever capacity you have. Does that sound good to everyone?