

Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation - Board Members EOI

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is seeking a Chair and new Board members to lead the pioneering work of the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation (CDEI). The Board is likely to consist of both existing board members who have been reappointed and newly appointed members.

The board will shape the next phase of the CDEI's work, as it focuses on delivering the priorities set out in the National Data Strategy. CDEI will play a pivotal role in facilitating responsible innovation in AI and data-driven technologies, in a way that will support growth, strengthen our public services and deliver maximum benefits for society.

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The CDEI sits at the heart of the Government's ambitious data agenda, as set out in the recent National Data Strategy (NDS). The Centre can support Government to deliver the NDS's commitments, including the ambition to unlock the power of data in the economy; developing and delivering a trusted and pro-growth data regime; and transforming Government's use of data to drive efficiency and improve public services.

The CDEI is an advisory body set up in 2018 to investigate and advise on how we maximise the benefits of data-driven technology and AI. Its work is supported by an independent board of experts from across industry, civil society, and academia with a dedicated team of 50 DCMS officials with expertise in data ethics and innovation.

Since its establishment in 2018 CDEI has played a vital role in shaping practical recommendations for the government, as well as advice for regulators, and industry, that support responsible innovation and help build a strong, trustworthy system of governance (such as online targeting and Bias).

The CDEI is operating at a critical period for policy-making and regulation in response to developing data-driven technologies. The CDEI has an important role to play in delivering across National Data Strategy commitments, so data can support growth and innovation, and drive improvements to public services. This is an exciting period for the CDEI, and the Board will help support the CDEI to take forward the proposed future functions which were consulted on in the National Data Strategy: analyse and anticipate, combining horizon scanning with analysis and insight products to create a national authority on data innovation; working in partnership with public and private sector organisations to address specific barriers to innovation; and operationalising potential policy interventions that support the National Data Strategy's objectives for the digital economy.

Role Description

The board members will:

- Identify opportunities and challenges for responsible innovation in the use of data and data-driven technology and what is needed to address those challenges;
- provide technical expertise in the field of AI and data-driven technology to further strengthen CDEI's ability to deliver on its functions as set out in the National Data Strategy;
- Provide the cross-disciplinary expertise that will shape and deliver the work of the CDEI as agreed with the government;
- Draw insights from their wider work to inform the CDEI's approach and bring a range of perspectives to help CDEI take account of the bigger picture;
- Liaise with their networks, experts and key stakeholders, to help CDEI build high-value partnerships, advise on CDEI's work, and maximise its impact.

Person specification

All board members will need to demonstrate the following characteristics and capabilities:

- an interest in the challenges and opportunities posed by rapidly developing technologies, and the breadth of vision to understand the central issues
- an ability to think strategically and exercise sound judgment
- strong communication, influencing and persuading skills
- an ability to work constructively with fellow board members and wider stakeholders
- an ability to represent their own areas of expertise and perspectives in the CDEI's deliberations while working towards a collective view
- an ability to challenge and support the executive team

In addition to this, we are looking for candidates who are able to bring core expertise **in one or more** of the following areas:

- **AI and data science:** cutting edge of the development, design and deployment of data analytics and AI
- **Industry & commercial:** business, research and development, particularly in relation to data and emerging technologies
- **Responsible innovation:** especially in relation to emerging and digital technologies
- **Policy and regulation:** experience of public policy practice and/or Whitehall

- **International perspectives of AI and data use**
- **Law:** technology and data protection law; expertise in public, constitutional or human rights law

Please indicate in your application if you are interested in applying for the position of CDEI board member, CDEI chair, or both.

Board Member

- Board members will be appointed for up to 3 years.
- Board remuneration is £10,800 per annum, for a time commitment of up to 3 days per month.

Chair

- The Chair appointment will be for a period of up to 3 years.
- The time commitment is flexible but is expected to be in the region of 6 days per month
- Chair remuneration is calculated pro rata based on a full time equivalent salary of £133,333.

We wish to appoint a Board from a diverse range of backgrounds, who represent the range of interests in this agenda. Therefore, we particularly encourage applications from women, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people with disabilities and people from ethnic minority backgrounds.