



# Women Political Leaders

## AI WORKSHOP RUN OF SHOW

### Defending Democracy in the Digital Age-Power of Technology in Driving Equality

Today's era is characterised by the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI), ensuring the preservation of democracy is of paramount importance. Women in politics encounter unique challenges in this landscape, particularly with the escalation of online violence and harassment, disinformation, and deep fakes.

In this regard, Women Political Leaders (WPL) invites you to participate in our upcoming **'Safeguarding Democracy'** online workshop series with an expert presentation from Microsoft, which will take place on **June 25th 13:00 CET** and **June 27th at 16:00 CET** (both sessions will be the same).

#### Workshop Overview:

The workshop series aims to provide our community with:

- A comprehensive overview of technology's opportunities to safeguard democracy, combat cyber threats, defend against foreign interference, and address the impact of deep fakes on campaigns and women political leaders.
- Practical guidance to address the possible misuse of technology, including online gender-based violence, disinformation, and deep fakes.
- Information on technology tools and resources to fully benefit from the ongoing digital transformation, with a focus on leveraging AI in political campaigns and work in office.

#### Workshop Details:

The first workshop in the series, **"Defending Democracy in the Digital Age-Power of Technology in Driving Equality"**, will address the crucial role of technology in safeguarding democracy and driving equality. Political staffers are also welcome to join us in this insightful discussion, which will be geared towards political candidates and elected officials.



The workshop aims to delve into the challenges and opportunities presented by AI, as well as the increasing online threats against women in politics. We seek to explore how training on the use of AI can promote a safer online environment, and highlight the indispensable contributions of women in politics to the functionality and inclusivity of democracies.

**Date & Time:** June 25th 13:00 CET and June 27th at 16:00 CET

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

### **Workshop Format:**

The session will include the following:

- Insights from Women politicians on the topic of online violence
  - **Frances Fitzgerald**, WPL Ambassador; MEP; Member, G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC)
  - **Neema Lugangira**, Member of Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, WPL Country Ambassador
  - **Nino Tsilosani**, Member of the Parliament of Georgia, Chair of the Gender Equality Council, WPL Country Ambassador
- Expert presentations
  - **Dave Leichtman**, Director, Corporate Civic Responsibility, Democracy Forward
  - **Seth Reznik**, Senior Business Development Lead for Political Campaigns - Tech for Social Impact, Microsoft
- Interactive discussions
- Q&A sessions to facilitate comprehensive exploration and exchange of insights.

### **Contributor:**

- **Marja Laitinen**, Senior Director for AI Governance and Partnerships, Microsoft EMEA

## **REGISTRATION**

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We cordially invite you to join the conversation and contribute your insights, experiences, and expertise. Your presence and participation are vital as we work together to shape a more inclusive and safe political landscape.



To confirm your attendance, kindly register at the link below at your earliest convenience and direct your questions to [mail@wpleaders.org](mailto:mail@wpleaders.org).

[Register here](#)

Please note that due to the nature of the workshop, it will not be recorded. The session language is English and translated captions will be made available.

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