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Commons

ParTeck 17

PROCEEDINGS

“NEW QUESTIONS EMERGE...”

“As we experience the rapid explosion of technology, new questions and opportunities emerge. ParTeck brought together thinkers, doers, and visionaries to explore how we can use and relate to technology in order to maximize human welfare.”

“AN EXECPTIONAL EVENT...”



“This has been an exceptional event bringing together a diverse group capable of transformative dialogue. It has been personally enriching and inspiring.”



Collaborations were brewing...

Collaborations were brewing at ParTeck 2017, the inaugural flagship event of the Human Data Commons exploring the intersection of technology and consciousness towards more ethical technology development. Attracting over 50 participants representing a balance of technology and consciousness minded individuals, ParTeck17 created a space for participants to explore emerging ideas in both fields.

Rochelle Fairfield, current Executive Director of the Human Data Commons, opened the event with a question: “If the world of technology were a “city”, how can we make it a livable city? While there will always be sketchy parts of town, what can we do to make tech more livable?”

Integral Theory was a core framework to bridge emerging trends technology, such as big data and issue related to consciousness, such as ethical complexity. Carissa Kazyss, a ParTeck organizer, gave participants an overview of Integral Theory, inviting an exploration of the relationships between interior individual (i.e. consciousness) and

interior collective (i.e. ethics) and exterior observable realities (i.e. technology). “By bringing our awareness to all three of these lenses, we can see a way forward that is more complex and holistic.”

Participants contributed to rich dialogues, engaged in experiential activities and planted seeds for future collaborations in group brainstorming sessions.

A handful of technology – related presentations were made on Day 1 of the 2 day event including: Blockchain with Vicki Lemieux, Distill Analytics with Ryan Cross, and Tomo Analytica with Sushant Shrestha. Presentations were followed by a lightening round of 2 minute speeches. Participants were asked to share their tech-related or consciousness-related project and to ask for what they would like support with.

Day 2 opened with an ethical inquiry into techconsciousness. Rochelle Fairfield highlighted the need to “balance our hunger for progress and novelty with the foresight of consequences.”



Zach Schlosser gave a presentation on Digital Naturalness, "designing tech to enhance our relationships with the more-than-human world" through creating tech that reflects the beauty, wellness and aliveness we perceive in nature.

An inquiry space was then facilitated by Tom Murray, who brought a rich multi-layered process for reflecting on the core issues raised during the workshop.

This was followed by an open space for groups to explore more deeply specific topics, such as:

- decentralization
- tools to support increased awareness
- the downside of technology
- social change
- assessment of development of consciousness through technology
- taking action in a sustained way.

ParTeckK17 closed with a special announcement that HDC would be funding a number of collaborative projects arising out of ParTeckK17 based on proposals submitted by the end of September. This generated an added uplift of tangible support for the collaborative visions that emerged at the workshop.

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WHAT SURPRISED YOU AT PARTECK17?

"the stable, durable, high level of interest, passion, engagement, co-creativity across the entire cohort."

"the fact that we often speak different languages, and how much more we need to do to understand each other's perspectives before we can move forward together."

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ParTeckK17 Grant Recipients

At the end of ParTeckK17, participants were asked to submit proposals for collaborative projects between participants at ParTeckK17. The winning collaborations were awarded grants to conduct their projects during 2017-2018. The following is a list of the collaborations who received a grant, totalling \$54,000.

- Mack Hardy - \$5,000.00CAD to work with Mary Lou Hardy and Heather Mann on market research to determine the commercial viability of a "Enterprise Knowledge Graph" product.
- Mary Lou Hardy - \$6,000.00CAD for the development of an "Indigenous Life Skills VR App Proof of Concept".
- Carissa Kazyss - \$2,400.00CAD to work with Zach Schlosser and Mary Lou Hardy on a "Collaboratorium Feasibility Study".
- Tom Murray - 3.00000000XBT to work with Marilyn Hamilton and Sushant Shrestha to use his StageLens technology to assess civic leadership that can then appear in HDC's Tomo dashboard.
- Erin Robinson - \$10,000.00CAD to work with Kris Constable and Nicholas Perrin in the research and development of an "Online Panel Platform Co-op" for Gen Squeeze.
- Zach Schlosser - \$12,000.00CAD to work with Carissa Kazyss on a draft white paper on "Digital Naturalness" and then with Mary Lou Hardy, Nicholas Perrin, and Lee White to see if their digital naturalness discoveries can contribute to the Attaverse and Holochain projects
- Lee White - \$10,000.00CAD to work with Mary Lou Hardy on a business plan for a "Data Sovereignty for Indigenous Sovereignty" system using the Attaverse framework.

