CPH Tech Policy Youth Comittee: Our raison d'être[1]

The CPH Tech Policy Youth Committee gathers 25 students with [14] various academic backgrounds from [6] different Danish Universities. Our goal is to forward a **plurality of voices** represented in our generation on questions of tech and digitalization with a common, although not completely unison, understanding of what should guide the future development; **asking what society do we want**, and then ask: 'Could tech possibly help with that?', recognizing that technological development doesn't necessarily equals human development.

The interdisciplinarity of the committee is an essential part of the committee's aim to attain a holistic approach through knowledge sharing within the field of tech policy and contribute to nuanced perspectives on tech policy debates. The generation we represent is positioned advantageously in the technoscape, having grown up with digital technologies. Thus, we see ourselves as **everyday experts** combining academic and practical knowledge from lived experience focused on the immediate as well as the long-lasting impacts of technology.

The main aim of tech should be to improve our society, **raise the bar** from not doing harm to doing good, noticing the power shift towards big tech companies at the expense of democracy with regulation slowly catching up. We must aim **beyond just mitigating bias and pitfalls** related to the introduction of new technology and digitalization, and stipulate the ambition to do better than yesterday. To make tomorrow more just and inclusive, utilize digital technologies to overcome historical and encoded bias, improve future generations' life conditions, and call for **a rights promoting approach**. We want **democratic principles, human rights, fairness, justice, protection of the environment, values, norms and prosperity to guide technological development** in the interest of the public, and thus we have set out to think collaboratively, take part in the debate, and engage with stakeholders.

We want to **make tech policy more understandable for ourselves and our peers**, get more young people engaged in the debate, and comment on current affairs on both a national level and on a global scale. We would like our work and our outputs to be rooted in reflections on the kind of future we want, and what role tech and digitalization should play in this. This will be the driving force shaping the way we engage with questions regarding Tech Policy to make sure we take a stance as to **what future we want**; a future, where we have control over a socially inclusive digitalisation, and benefit from it in the way we would like to.

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[1] This raison d'être is to be used for the launch and as an internal document establishing an ethos for the committee and a common understanding of our identity, principles and aims.