

Westminster eForum policy conference:
Next steps for online safety policy and practice in the UK
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th February 2024
*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Maeve Walsh, Director, Online Safety Act Network
- 9.10 **Regulatory priorities following the Online Safety Act 2023**
Jessica Smith, Principal, Online Safety, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **The Online Safety Act, regulatory proposals, and what they mean for those most at risk or affected by harm**
Lorin LaFave, Founder, The Breck Foundation
- 9.50 **Next steps for online safety regulation and implementation in the UK**
Regulatory framework | Responsibilities and meeting obligations | Complaints and enforcement processes | Cross-sector collaboration | Regulator resources and relationships with stakeholders | User privacy and access to legal content | Priorities for education and online literacy
Professor Julia Hornle, Professor of Internet Law, Queen Mary University of London
Abigail Burke, Platform Power Programme Manager, Open Rights Group
Professor Lorna Woods OBE, Professor of Internet Law, University of Essex
Michael Tunks, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Internet Watch Foundation
Till Sommer, Head of Policy, Internet Service Providers Association
- 10.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Maeve Walsh, Director, Online Safety Act Network
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor Julia Hornle, Professor of Internet Law, Queen Mary University of London
- 11.25 **The impact of policy on the tech industry - priorities for innovation and opportunities for the use of technology to address online threats**
Ian Stevenson, Chair, Online Safety Tech Industry Association
- 11.35 **Developing online safety to meet emerging, future and global threats**
Anticipating and addressing emerging threats | Priorities for innovation | Potential of new technologies such as AI in identification and response | Strategies for international cooperation on addressing online harms | Agility and coordination in policy and stakeholder practice
Iain Corby, Executive Director, The Age Verification Providers Association
Charlotte Aynsley, Director, E-safety Training and Consultancy
Florence Enock, Senior Research Associate, Online Safety, Public Policy Programme, The Alan Turing Institute
Emma Drake, Legal Director, Bird & Bird
Javahir Askari, Policy Manager for Digital Regulation, techUK
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Beyond the Online Safety Act - remaining issues, and priorities going forward for policy, regulation and the roles of key stakeholders**
Maeve Walsh, Director, Online Safety Act Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Professor Julia Hornle, Professor of Internet Law, Queen Mary University of London
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster eForum