

Response from South East London Humanist Group meeting (7th June 2018) to eleven questions posed at the Vienna Biennale 2017

What do we want? Dimensions of a new digital humanism

[Note – these responses given in fifteen minutes]

1. How do we want to be human?

Applicable to all questions: Who are 'we'? [Concern about those 'in control' – us and them]

Do no harm

Compassionate/Empathetic

Virtuous

Ethical

Not digital [no chip in brain]

Free-willed

2. What do we want from technology?

Technology to be controlled by *us* as individuals and institutions which are democratic and serving public interests

Freedom

Healthcare

Innovation

Emotional intelligence

Jobs which are safe and healthy

Insight/choices

Environmental protection

Maximise joy and justice

Support

3. How do we want to live together?

In peace/ balance, accepting differences

Equality of opportunities

Freedom

Equally

Recognising difference and cultural subjectivity – there is not one 'we'

Mentally healthy

Harmoniously

Diversity

Socialism

4. What do we want for our planet?

Ascetically (no status symbols)

Sustainability (x2)

Better usage of natural resources

To survive

Restoration

5. How do we want to consume?

As partners with other people, shaping goods and services together

Sustainably

Shrewdly

6. What do we want to learn?

Is a better question, 'HOW do we want to learn?' – with AI as a tool

Self-awareness

Everything

Fluency in AI, able to participate

7. How do we want to work?

Subjective loss of control

Not overlooked

Using our own intelligence

Freedom of choosing your job

Ethically

8. How do we want to dwell?

Free from surveillance

Community

Comfortably

9. Which digital fundamental rights do we want?

Democracy

Technology to be controlled by *us* as individuals and institutions which are democratic and serving public interests

Openness/transparency

Security

10. Which rights do we want for robots/artificial intelligence

None that restrict freedoms of humans

11. How do we want to deal with a superintelligence?

Cautiously