Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a set of technologies that mimic

some of the intelligent things human minds do.

In RC, we work to rid ourselves of distress, but keep all that is human…

AI does the opposite…

it keeps the distress by getting rid of all that is human

Welcome to the **"Would a Society Without Oppression Need Artificial Intelligence?" webinar led by Frank van den Heuvel** to be held on Sunday, May 12, 2024 from 12 to 3pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) or UTC (-7). This webinar is for the North American RC Communities and approved RC members from around the world.

We are so pleased that you have chosen to take this opportunity to think and discharge together about one of the most important issues facing humanity in present time. The concerns about Artificial Intelligence (AI) need to be thought about now because the speed at which the issues are impacting the world are current and developing at a very fast pace without enough thoughtful awareness. This webinar is a chance to look at AI in a different way…a very human way…from our RC perspective.

We are extremely fortunate that our beloved and brilliant leader, Frank van den Heuvel, will be leading us in this critical area. He has been discharging on this issue for many years and is happy to have us join in the work. Frank has decades of experience in IT, cyber-security, and software development, and brings a picture of how the impact of AI could impact us all.

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- Please plan to stay for the entire 3-hour webinar. Your mind is vital to this work and we are so glad that you are a part of it.
- **Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins, so we will be able to get everyone ready to start on time.**
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- **There will be 3 segments to the webinar with 2 short minis in each section for a total of 6 minis in 3 hours.** We will also have 2 rest breaks in total.
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- **Accessibility Needs:** Please reach out to me at **suzkel@gmail.com** if you have any accessibility needs that we may assist you with to help the webinar work better for you. We have a team who will think with you.
- **The workshop will be recorded** for the use of the leader. *If you do not want to be part of the recording, keep your video turned off.* Otherwise, please stay on screen as much as possible throughout the webinar to support the leader.

- There are multiple people in different time zones in attendance.

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- **Here is a document you may find helpful:**
https://www.rc.org/publication/workshops/Using_zoom_for_RC_events.pdf)

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Preparing for the webinar – Our webinar web page and an important reading

Frank, our leader, will NOT be taking questions about Artificial Intelligence at the webinar.

There are many ways to find out more about this topic. Below is a link to our AI Webinar web page with details. On it is a reading to help prepare you for this webinar: **https://www.rc.org/publication/workshops/ai2024/webinar**

Here is a link directly to the reading: **Preparation for the webinar (pdf) https://www.rc.org/publication/workshops/ai2024/AI-Webinar-2024-v4.pdf (if this doesn't work go to the page mentioned above).**

Another way to understand this issue is to reach out to those in your area who work with AI and start a dialog with them about how it will impact your own community. Building relationships with individuals who work with something you want to understand is often helpful.

Payment Information

Fee - $0 to $50 US – Please pay as much money as you can afford.

Funds gathered go to help support outreach to underrepresented RC communities and to pay the leader and the workers. Please have a mini session about money before deciding the amount that you will pay. A large part of the attendance of this workshop is by people who are underfunded because of inequality in the world.

Payment Options:

VENMO - @Nancy-Perini (last 4 digits of her cell - 5134)

Checks – Make out to Nancy Perini, and mail to 67 Academy Rd. Albany, NY, USA 12208

For those outside of the USA - if you need another payment option, please reach out to our finance person, Nancy Perini at this email: perini819@gmail.com or contact the organizer.

For anything else that we may have forgotten, please reach out to the organizer directly.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

It is so good to do this work together!

Love,

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