

Newspeak House

Orientation Weekend

2023

📖 introduce yourself

Saturday 30th

September

09:00 Breakfast



Yummy! Thank you 🍷



Hooray!

👩🍳 Recipe - replaced the egg with apple sauce:

<https://glutenfreecupatea.co.uk/2019/02/10/gluten-free-american-pancakes-recipe-dairy-free-low-fodmap/>

09:45 Warm-up

- Unison Clap
- <https://paperjamgamejam.tumblr.com/post/50486978671/the-lazy-game>

10:00 Introduction

Edward Saperia

- What is happening today?
- What is Newspeak House?
- What is Political Technology?
- What is the fellowship course all about?

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10:30 The Civic Tech Field Guide

Matt Stempeck

[Matt Stempeck](#) is Curator of the Civic Tech Field Guide. He has sixteen years of experience leveraging tech for social good and civic engagement across electoral and issue campaigns, social impact startups, newsrooms, government, multilateral institutions, and academia.

Since 2016, Matt has developed the [Civic Tech Field Guide](#) into the world's largest, most comprehensive catalog of democracy tech. With over 8,000 products, data sets, and related resources, the Field Guide's database is an incredibly rich source of knowledge for practitioners, tech developers, funders, and researchers. Tens of thousands of people use it each month to find tools, data, design resources, and partners to advance their work.

We want to equip the individuals and groups working for democracy around the world with the open resources in the Field Guide (or elsewhere). Matt will leverage his – and the Field Guide's – global network of democracy tech projects and activists to contribute to your research and your work.

 LCPT Library (Civic Tech Field Guide) Module 2023

The Civic Tech Field Guide is the world's largest collection of projects using tech for the common good. What's in it? How do you use it?

11:00 Break

11:15 Introduce Yourself

 introduce yourself

11:25 Fieldwork

Edward Saperia

Exciting political activity is happening all around us... especially if you live at Newspeak House! Students will undertake a collective effort to explore the landscape of civic, political and public sector communities both IRL and online. In this session we will start thinking about how that's going to work, and what information we are actually interested to collect.

 Fieldwork Module Guide 2023

11:45 Fellowship Thesis

Six Silberman

Fellowship Candidates are expected to work on a thesis project throughout the year, to be presented at next year's matriculation. What's this all about?

 Fellowship Thesis Module Guide 2023

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Y7M2FiyaeGOz-YOPLNJVD8PgJQ3yQgg/view>

12:15 Rogue Planets & Beehives

James Moulding & Hannah O'Rourke

A short talk on how the fellows can get the best out of the newspeak house wider communit(ies).

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Self Governance Afternoon - Intro

Edward Saperia

In this module, you will get the chance to create your own utopian society!

For this year, Newspeak House will be your sandbox for exploring innovative governance. You will attempt to live together harmoniously, and engage with external stakeholders as a student body. It is a unique opportunity to experiment as a group with experimental governance infrastructure (both technology and processes), but also as an individual in terms of how you relate to a group. You'll get the chance to make and judge proposals, assign and inhabit roles, resolve conflicts, and reflect on the opportunities and challenges of collaboration.

 Self Governance Module Guide 2023

13:40 Experimental Governance in the wild

Zarinah Agnew

 Newspeak 2023-24 / Experimental governance in the wild

In this discussion I will introduce some experiments into community governance that might be relevant to your own adventures in collective self determination. We will touch on a range of lived experiments conducted in similar spaces to Newspeak House, go over the learnings, the features and bugs and relate these topics to your ongoing process of self governing.

Topics covered in this session

- Experiments vs explorations
- The value of small N numbers
- How to come up with governance structures
- How to deploy some of these yourselves
- How these interventions can help us learn about who we are as individuals and as a collective
- How groups structure can shift how we as actors operate together
- How to consider what success looks like for you as you explore community governance

- Six: It would be great for you to mention your houses for formally incarcerated people

Reading

<https://like-antennas-to-heaven.medium.com/explorations-into-community-governance-observing-primates-in-the-wild-5bfc8be431ff#.lgndbukcw>

14:30 Break

14:45 Schedule Pairwork Sessions

Add sessions to the fieldwork calendar: <https://pastecal.com/nwspk-fieldwork>

15:30 Pastoral Board

Zarinah Agnew

Being in shared space brings wonders and also difficulties, and the goal of this session is to prepare ourselves for our emotional wellbeing, safety, boundaries, communication and so on. As we blend our professional, social and emotional lives this gets complicated.

Newspeak House is both your home and at times a semi public space which brings new considerations into the fray. In this discussion we will cover things like:

- Harm prevention - how to navigate boundaries with each other, and guests
- Harm response - what to do in times of conflict, boundary violations and harm.
- What to do if you are concerned about someone else in the space.
- How do you feel about the Newspeak code of conduct, what would you add or change?

Together we will build a structure and set of processes that you all feel represented in, such that should you encounter difficulty in the coming year, you know what to do, who to speak to and what to expect.

 Newspeak House 2023-24 - Personal Boundaries Assessment

 LCPT - harm prevention and response 2023

16:00 Tutors & Tutees

Tutee

Richard Hames

Tutor

Zarinah Agnew

Aleksandr Putilin
Lefke Kerr
Ted Roberts
Jethro Reeve
Andy McDonald
Tom Cares
Julia Taranova
Ella Shoup

Theodore Keloglou
Sam Ballard
Edward Saperia
Joshua Becker
James Moulding
Mustafa Warsi
Six Silberman
Hannah O'Rourke

16:30 Cooking Challenge

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name	Dietary Requirements
Amber	N/A
Andy McDonald	None
Anni Rowland-Campbell	None
Borja Blanco Méndez	none
Campaign Lab	N/a
Clem	None
Dan Kwiatkowski	Veggie preferred
Irina Bolychevsky	Non gluten if possible but will be ok
James Moulding	Veggie/Vegan
Jethro Reeve	none
Joe	No
John Bryden	Vegetables
John Sandall	None
Jonnie Penn	None
Josh Russell	None
Joshua Becker	na
Joshua Vantard	(If I'm not allowed to come its ok, just checking)
Josiane	Vegan
Julia Taranova	None
Lefke Kerr	Vegetarian
Lewis	Vegan
Lydia Farnham	None
Matthew Lutz	none
Matt Stempeck	Pescetarian or vegan

Mr Adam Shorland	None
Mr Declan Pattison	No shellfish
Mustafa Warsi	No Alcohol or Pork
Richard Hames	Coeliac disease (no gluten)
Rula	na
Ruth	vegetarian preferred
Sam	Vege
Sasha Putilin	I don't eat chicken
Six Silberman	no
Stephen Bediako	None
Ted Roberts	Celiac
Theodore Keloglou	None
Tom Cares	I try to avoid soy and large amounts of butter, but not a big deal
Viktor Veterinarov	No allergies and no preferences
Will Muirhead	None
Zarinah Agnew	vegetarian

19:00 Matriculation Ceremony

Faculty and Fellows convene to welcome the new Fellowship Candidates.
Fellows are invited to give lightning talks about their current work.

22:00 End of Scheduled Happenings

Sunday 1st October

09:00 Breakfast



10:00 Github Accounts Please

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub>

Github is a popular platform to collaborate on documents (especially code).

If you don't have one, signing up only takes a minute: <https://github.com/join>

Name	Link to Account
Jethro	https://github.com/JethroReeve
Lefke	https://github.com/lefke
Richard	https://github.com/richardjhames
Tom	https://github.com/BlockchainTom
Ella	https://github.com/emsshoup
Andy	https://github.com/amcaudwell
Sasha	https://github.com/eleweek
Julia	https://github.com/tara-nova
Ted	https://github.com/notrightnowthx

10:30 Introduction, Sociotechnical Systems

Six Silberman

10:50 Introduction, Network Development

James Moulding

 LCPT Network Development Module 2023

11:10 Introduction, Decision-making

Joshua Becker

 Decision-making Module Guide 2023

11:30 Break

11:40 Newspeak House Survival Guide

Declan Pattison

You'll need to take your own notes for this one:  Newspeak House Survival Guide

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12:30 Introduction, Game Design

Sam Ballard

 Game Design Module Guide 2023

12:50 Introduction, Mechanism Design

Mustafa Warsi

☰ Mechanism Design Module Guide 2023

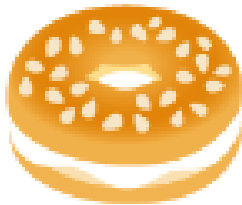
13:10 Using the Library

Matt Stempeck

☰ LCPT Library (Civic Tech Field Guide) Module 2023

13:20 Lunch

From the bagel shop! <3



13:50 Introduction, Political Organising

Hannah O'Rourke

☰ Political Organising Module Guide 2023

☐ Political Organising

14:10 Introduction, Open Source

Theodore Keloglou

 Open Source Module Guide 2023

14:30 Introduction, Future Crafting

Zarinah Agnew

 Future Crafting Module Guide 2023

14:50 Break

15:00 Civic Mapping Challenge

 Civic Mapping Challenge 

Having a list of relevant civic organisations is the foundation of many projects. There are two reasons for this: firstly these lists are vital infrastructure in terms of distribution for the civic ecosystem, and secondly these lists often do not exist and are hard to construct. For example, if you are campaigning around a housing issue, having a list of all the council housing office contact details would be very useful. Also, in simple terms, it's hard to understand political and civic organisations without knowing what's out there!

Fellowship candidates compete in teams of three to compile a list of as many UK civic organisations as they can. You have until 19:00. You need to find a URL for each of your entries for them to qualify. At 19:00 you must supply this list in a single column CSV file. Every hour we will share how many you have found between the teams. The team with the highest number of civic organisations mapped at 19:00 will win a prize 🏆

Definition

A company, club, committee, association, corporation, or any other organization or group of persons primarily established to further educational, charitable, religious, political, cultural, or local economic development purposes.

Examples

- aslef.org.uk
- alsager.nub.news
- www.water.org.uk
- uk.fes.de
- www.blunt4reigate.com
- www.york.ac.uk/about/organisation/governance/senate
- www.facebook.com/groups/thecoppenhallclub
- www.sunlighttrust.org.uk/sunlight-development-trust-2
- www.bbc.com/lnp/ldrs
- intersticia.org
- mft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/about/our-hospital-board
- transform.england.nhs.uk
- www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mens-knitting-group-tickets-696678834147
- lankellychase.org.uk/trustees
- halesowen.sch.life/Files/Download/c3227401-39fc-4482-a5a2-bae4b0e36a33/a9278a88-3aef-43ac-b8a0-ac854c52003a/Our%20Governors.pdf

Score

	Team A	Team B	Team C
Location	Newspeak Hall	Drawing Room	Terrace
Members	Ted Tom Ella	Richard Sasha Jethro	Julia Andy Lefke
15:00	0	0	0
16:00	120,000	100,035	948
17:00	120,000	125,350	1,106
18:00	126,000	127,091	95,357
19:00	141,333	128,955	203,170

Data Verification Script

<https://github.com/nwspk/mapping-challenge/blob/main/check.py>

Final Score	119,929	122,002	120,540
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Submit file

Please post a link here from where we can download each team's CSV file.

Team A:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uW5dnQbKEAT8gARCVX3hztTZUDryJHXkiVZkuQRkt3M>

Team B: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12FRvISbygVeZ8LLWilpqeOU6ydJu9fkl>

Team C:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1T9c_h5KAwx5DLXPNh06Lr7A3_zfOaQvBj5ego13Y3oo

19:00 Challenge Winners + Dinner

Collection from Hi Thai

ORDERS

Ella - Prawn salad + tom yum mushroom soup

Tom - Tuna & Avo Uramaki

Ted - (**Gluten free**) Chicken Penang Curry w/ jazzy rice
IF NOT: (GF) Chicken Singapore
Vermicelli

Andy - weeping tiger (mild), w/ beef rice

Julia - tofu pad thai + duck salad

Lefke - Vegetable Pad Thai with Tofu

Sasha - Salmon Nigiri x4, pad thai with beef

Richard (**Gluten Free**) - tiger prawn red curry, rice (genuinely this will be fine)

Jethro - chicken jungle curry, rice

Six - Edamame, Pad See Ew

Theo - Pad Thai noodles

Joshua - pad thai noodles

Ed - red chicken curry, white rice, papaya salad

Hannah - pad see ew with chicken

20:00 After Dinner Reading

<https://laneless.substack.com/p/500-million-but-not-a-single-one-more>

21:00 End of Scheduled Programming

Make sure to watch Andy on GBNews between 21:00 and 23:00 :P