Ethics and Accessibility of AI – Course Outline

Intended Audience:

- Teachers, classroom support staff, and education leadership teams

Session Length:

- 120mins / 2 hours

Participant Threshold:

- Requires a minimum of 10 participants to proceed

Course Description:

This session is designed for users who have familiarity with the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and have explored its integration into their teaching, learning, or professional operations. This session goes beyond our introductory AI courses and explores how AI should be used—through a lens of equity, responsibility, and inclusion. Participants will consider the environmental, data, and reliability implications of AI while also exploring accessibility-focused AI tools that can enhance teaching and learning. By applying a critical framework, participants will leave with the confidence to evaluate AI tools for both ethical soundness and accessibility impact.

Sessions Outcomes:

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify key ethical issues related to AI within the context of education: environmental impact, data privacy, intellectual property rights, reliability, bias, and equitable access
- Describe how AI can support accessibility for users with diverse needs
- Explore specific AI tools designed with equity and accessibility in mind
- Apply a critical lens to assessing new AI tools for ethical soundness and accessibility benefits
- Develop context-specific guiding questions to use when considering AI adoption

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