

# DIGITAL CIVIC SPACES: RIGHTS IN A DIGITAL AGE

Dear colleagues,

with the transformative changes of digitalisation, issues of privacy, safety, individual liberty, trust, social, political and environmental stability are all salient to conversations about technology. However, technology does not act on its own. The impacts of technology on human rights and civic spaces are the result of decisions made by humans.

NGOs and CSOs of all kinds are finding that our 20th century tools are no longer suitable to the multiple crises that face us in the 2020s. We must adapt our thinking and our missions quickly to the rapid social and political disruptions – and opportunities – that accompany digitalization in all parts of the world.

But how to begin? Join us for a presentation and discussion about **“Rights in a Digital Age” on 16 September at 2 – 3.30 p.m. (CET)** with Michael Borum, who has worked in digital for 28 years, in both the private sector and non-profits. He has been with Oxfam since 2007, working for its US affiliate as Digital Rights and Influencing Advisor.

Mr. Borum will explore with us the key dimensions of rights in the digital age and the principles underpinning the growing movement to protect and defend human rights and civil society in this brave new world.

This online event is directed at NGO staff working in the field of lobby and advocacy and shrinking civic spaces. Please note that there is only a limited amount of registrations possible as we would like to create a safe space to discuss these issues. Thank you.

## WHEN?

Friday,  
16 September 2022  
2 – 3.30 p.m. (CEST)

## WHERE?

Online (Zoom)

## REGISTRATION

Please register online [here](#)

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## AGENDA

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14:00	<b>Welcome</b> Lili Krause, VENRO
14:05	<b>Presentation on: Oxfam's Journey with Rights in a Digital Age. The Five Pillars of Rights in a Digital Age and Digital Age Principles. Tips for Security &amp; Digital Civic Space</b> Michael Borum, Oxfam USA
15:05	<b>Facilitated Conversation</b>
15:30	<b>End of Event</b>

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