DIGITAL DHARMA
PATHWAYS FOR CHANGEMAKERS

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Digital Dharma: Pathways for Changemakers is a three-day programme designed to equip individuals committed to inclusive and values-based social, environmental, and economic progress with the skills and knowledge needed to make use of digital tools, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), to drive meaningful change. Set to take place in Kuala Lumpur in August, this programme will explore how digital transformation can amplify impact, enhance problem-solving, and foster collaboration across various fields.

At its core, this programme seeks to align the use of digital tools with our values and beliefs. Far from mere private convictions, our values and beliefs shape the way we understand the world, guide our decisions, and influence the kind of change we seek to create. Rather than crediting technology as the driver of change, we will explore how a digital lens can deepen our understanding of humanity – strengthening our capacity for ethical decision-making, community-building, and justice-oriented action.

OBJECTIVES

- Cultivate an appreciation for digital technologies including AI
- Explore and refine the guiding principles, ethics, and values that shape our approach to digital transformation and changemaking
- Study existing models and strategies in digital innovation that support changemaking efforts
- Identify and conceptualise digital initiatives such as app development, data-driven monitoring tools, and other tech-enabled solutions to address key challenges
- Understand the limits and challenges of digital technologies today

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 0   Arrival

DAY 1   Foundations and Future Perspectives

       Reaffirmation of guiding principles, sharing of values systems, and exploring their role in addressing global challenges.

       Understanding the current and emerging technology landscape. Visioning exercise to map and discuss dystopian vs. utopian digital futures.

DAY 2   Systems and Real-World Engagement

       Mapping key actors; exploring strategies for risk mitigation and enhancing opportunities in digital transformation.

       Site visits to organisations leveraging digital tools for social impact.

DAY 3   Action and Application

       Bridging values and technology – how can digital tools empower changemakers? Identifying actionable steps for individual and collective impact.

       Networking session and Digital Detox

DAY 4   Closing

       Final reflections, key takeaways, and programme wrap up.

       Departure

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

This programme is open to all individuals who identify as changemakers – those committed to driving meaningful transformation in their communities, organisations, and beyond. Whether you are a policymaker, activist, industry expert, spiritual leader, or an advocate for digital innovation, this programme will equip you with the strategic insights and practical tools needed to navigate and lead digital transformation efforts effectively.

We especially encourage individuals engaged in values-driven initiatives, including those inspired by ethical, social, or spiritual principles, to apply.

Interested applicants will be required to respond to the Google Form link provided below. Up to 15 participants will be chosen based on their engagement with these issues and their interest in exploring the intersection of technology and values-driven changemaking.

The programme is offered at no cost. Food and lodging will be provided for the duration of the programme. However, participants are expected to fund their own travel, visa, and personal expenses.

ACCESSIBILITY

We are committed to making Digital Dharma an inclusive and accessible experience for all participants.

The programme will be conducted in English and all meals provided will be vegetarian.

If you have any specific requirements—whether related to mobility, sensory needs, dietary restrictions, or any other accommodations—please let us know in advance. We will do our best to ensure that all participants have the support they need to participate meaningfully.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further inquiries, please contact:

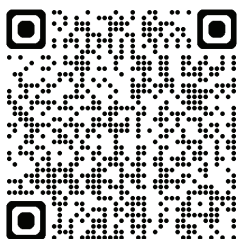Anishaa at anishaa@endeavour.asia
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TIMELINE

15 April	Announcement
30 May	Application submission deadline
15 June	Pre-selection
16-20 June	Interviews
30 June	Final Selection
31 July	Pre-departure briefing

APPLICATION

APPLY VIA LINK OR QR CODE
https://tinyurl.com/digital-dharma

Deadline: 30 May 2025

SELECTION CRITERIA

Age Range

Applicants should be between 25 to 40 years old, with some experience in leadership or changemaking and the capacity for long-term impact.

Background and Experience

We welcome individuals who are actively engaged in values-driven initiatives, including but not limited to:
- Those working within faith-based, spiritual, or ethical initiatives (e.g., monks, nuns, spiritual leaders, interfaith dialogue facilitators, staff of faith-based organisations)
- Changemakers with experience in social, environmental, or community development, particularly those whose work is grounded ethical or spiritual principles
- Individuals involved in digital innovation projects for social change, education, or advocacy within their communities
- Professionals or activists addressing migration, human rights, environmental sustainability, or digital ethics within faith communities

Interest and Motivation

- A clear interest in exploring how digital technologies (including AI) can be aligned with ethical, spiritual, or faith-based values for positive social impact
- A Demonstrated commitment to applying the insights gained from this programme to their community work or leadership initiatives

Skills and Contributions

- Basic digital literacy and a willingness to engage with digital tools
- Ability to contribute to discussions, workshops, and collaborative activities during the programme

Commitment and Availability

- Full participation in the 3-day immersive programme
- Participants agree to reflect and share post-program insights and contribute to future initiatives that emerge from this experience

We recognise that impactful changemakers come from diverse backgrounds. If you feel aligned with the spirit of this program but do not meet all the criteria, we still encourage you to apply.

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