



TEAM FUTURE WAVES

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Project Overview:

For this hackathon, I wanted to explore how we can take the raw voices of 1,000 British Columbians and turn them into a shared experience that moves people toward hope, and from hope into creative action.

The **dataset** contained a mix of multiple-choice and open-ended responses about AI: what people **fear**, what they **hope** for, and what they want to see in our collective **future**. Voices ranged from students to elders, technologists to land defenders, each speaking from their own lived reality.

I began by analyzing the data through the open-ended answers and noting recurring **themes** with the use of **chatgpt**. The fears were real and deeply felt: job loss, loss of human connection, misinformation, the pace of change, and the risk of concentrated power. Alongside them were hopes: AI supporting mental health, amplifying creativity, enabling environmental stewardship, and building systems that include everyone.

From these recurring hopes, I distilled a set of **pillars** that captured the community's positive vision for AI in BC. Each pillar was then translated into a **specific goal** for how participants wanted to see AI supporting our province's future.

The live-guided **meditation** was built around helping participants visualize those goals as

already becoming reality. It invited everyone to imagine a BC where AI strengthens community, honors Indigenous knowledge, supports health and mental well-being, and balances innovation with human dignity.

The meditation closed with a set of affirmations distilled directly from community values, serving as a compass for building a BC AI ecosystem rooted in care, creativity, and inclusion.

This approach demonstrates how qualitative data can be transformed into a participatory experience that leaves audiences with both an emotional shift and a shared vision, offering a prototype for cultural alignment as much as technical innovation.

Technical Notes

The data was analyzed through conversational ai with chatgtp-4o. I uploaded the .csv and got it to do a full analysis of all of the data. When pulling themes and narratives from the data, I asked it to provide 5 actual quotes from the data for each theme, to make sure it wasn't hallucinating and that there is actually data there.

Once I had gotten a set of goals for BC using chatgtp, I plugged them into a sophisticated prompt for generating goal visualizing meditations and affirmations, which then produced the meditation with Claude 4.0. Along with these goals I also filled out a short "profile" for BC AI, which also used to generate the meditation and affirmations. For instance this is how it new "BC AI Community" by name.

The meditation was then designed to:

1. Bring the group into a calm, receptive, loving, connected state.
2. Guide them through vivid mental imagery of these goals coming being realized and steps to get there.
3. End with affirmations grounded in the community's own words.

Performance Tech Notes

On July 31st the script was read live to 175 people at the H.R Macmillan Space Centre at the 19th AI BC Community Meetup. I used Ableton and a APC40 controller to control binaural beats, isochronic tones, a breathing track for the audience to sync their breath with, and music, all produced by Peter.

To set the tone of the room we had a spacey particle effect looping video made with MidJourney video and Topaz Labs to slow down and upres the video. There was also soft

amber lighting that slowly faded in as the audience imagined warm golden amber light rising up their body. Lights provided by Kevin Friel.



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Assets

Assets included:

- Full meditation script
- Goals generated
- Video of live presentation recap
- Video of recap with commentary

Thank you for your consideration!