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- Brett and Rich from the Sortition Foundation advised the team and provided critical feedback. Any truly democratic implementation of Common Ground would make full use of the Sortition Foundations participant selection services.

- Ran advises the municipality of Eindhoven on law & ethics, and brings decades of experience working in the public sector. Ran organised

- Aldo is a freelance researcher who specialises in collaborative communities.

- CeesJan is a communication and networking expert.

- Naomi, from event agency, brings the know how and the experience to deliver large online events

- Rolf is a freelance researcher and consultant who specializes in online collaboration within civil society.

- Bram brings a unique perspective on ethics and LLMs. He is writing his master's thesis on machine ethics at JADS.

Motivation

Each of our consortium members have their own motivations for working in this space. Some, decades deep. Overarching and foundational to these motives are that we are all designers at heart, and have heard the groans expressed by many at current democratic processes, and the growing pains of online modalities that have emerged in recent years. With the emergence of conversational AI, we saw an opportunity to explore an experimental alternative modality that is open ended, iterative, conversational and empowering.

eDemocracy often trades off intimacy for scale. Many eDemocracy applications, and many public online forums in general, operate on a principle that an individual interacts with the larger community in a one-to-many relationship. As algorithms for presenting content become more complex, this relationship has evolved into a one-to-AI-to-many, where algorithms mediate the relationship