AUE have been campaigning for years to draw attention to the dangers that AI poses to our Communities, to our democracies, to the environment, to equality laws, to our rights to work and our right to live free from harassment.

While noting the potential of AI to progress and improve humanity, particularly in science and technology - its development needs regulation. As a global industry it needs global agreements. This has now been recognised by various AI developers and workers and even some tech companies themselves.

A Labour government should be working with other countries to protects its economy, its institutions, its democracy instead it's refused to sign global agreements siding with the US against 80 countries.

Government ministers are falling over themselves to try to make the UK an AI lead player - to collect the digital dividend - at whatever cost to its people. Even when experts in IT are warning against going too fast, too quickly without regulation. This push endangers democracy and will cause wide scale unemployment - with predictions of 375million jobs replaced by automation by 2030, globally.

The TUC needs to take the threat seriously. Of course we need to inform and encourage workers to understand technical developments but we should be doing more to highlight the dangers, too:

- What is happening in your union to encourage the debate on AI?
- Is its progress being monitored in relation to your workers, both at work and outside of work?
- How is it impacting the lives of women?

Misogyny in our society means the dangers to women are extreme. AI has been used to change news reporting - falsely depicting women as crying. The White House manipulated a photo of lawyer and activist Nekima Levy Armstrong to make it appear she was crying.

In January, degrading images of children and women with their clothes digitally removed by Grok AI were shared on Elon Musk's X. The photographs created sexualised pictures of real women and children stripped to their underwear . This is just the beginning. AI needs regulating and it needs regulating now.

We need action now. Please support.

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