



Zoom Meeting with Lord David Puttnam On 29 April, 2021

Lord David Puttnam is well-known, of course, for his academy award winning film, Chariots of Fire, as well as The Killing Fields, That Will Be The Day, Midnight Express, Bugsy Malone and Local Hero.

Recently he has led the British House of Lords select committee on "<u>Democracy and Digital Technologies</u>," which will be the subject of

our second Zoom meeting on April 29, 2021.

The House of Lords select committee has investigated the implications of digital technologies including social media in the areas of:

- transparency in political campaigns;
- privacy and anonymity; misinformation;
- the effects of digital technology on public discourse;
- how technology can facilitate democracy; and
- the development of effective digital literacy.

Some of the most important issues are discussed in "The violence in Washington shows the government must bring tech giants into line" which he has published in: https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/online-harms-bill-should-have-a-duty-of-care-to-our-democracy

You may also be interested in this article on his own website: https://www.davidputtnam.com/viewNews/n/lord-puttnam-digital-technology-resurrection-of-trust/