





# People and Technology (PAT) Research Group

"We understand, design, and evaluate digital technologies through psychological and socio-scientific sensitivities"

# 1 RESEARCH AREAS

**Responsible Software Engineering** – changing engineering practice for challenges of 21st century

Supporting software & digital tools for **community** & grassroots engagement

Playfulness through games & gamification for health, education & responsibility

Software and digital tools for health, wellbeing & social care

Addressing Mis & **Disinformation** (including deepfakes)

**Computer supported** collaboration & practice from hybrid work to heritage

**Supporting digital inclusion** through design with excluded groups

Technology to support sustainability & address the climate crisis

### 2 RESEARCH METHODS



We use surveys



We conduct interviews



Created by ProSymbols

We conduct focus groups



We explore practices through

ethnography



We use creative methods like Forum Theatre for requirements gathering & public engagement



We use creative visual methods



We conduct codesign/ participatory design workshops



We value & support participatory processes

#### 3 CURRENT LERO PROJECTS

#### **Deepfake deception**

investigates the responsible use of deepfake technology - quantifying potential harms and developing strategies to limit negative impacts.

### **Sharing While Caring**

aims to integrate care ethics and feminist principles into the design of online digital spaces to enhance safety and facilitate meaningful sharing experiences.

# **Digital Responsibility**

emphasizes reflexive practices and values, with a dedicated focus on representing and enriching lived experiences supported by software, while transcending its limitations.

# 4 OUR TEAM

Working across disciplines

Socio-technical systems

**Applied Psychology** (Biological, Cognitive, Developmental, Social & sociocultural)

**Software Engineering** 

**Engaged Research/ Education & Outreach**  **HCI**, Interaction Design & CSCW









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