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# Robotic Visions

## Young people's views on the future of robotics technology

**9th March 2010, 2 – 4pm**

**Jubilee Room, Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament**

Interest in engaging the public in decision-making about science and technology policy has increased in recent years, especially for technologies that are in the early stages of development. Robotic Visions provides a unique opportunity for key stakeholders to understand public concerns about robotics research, as well as enabling young people to have their voices heard. The programme involves a series of five Vision Conferences throughout the UK, each bringing together 20-30 young people and at least three robotics researchers to jointly explore current and future robotics research.

Student representatives from each of the conferences will attend the Parliamentary Seminar in order to present their region's interests, concerns and conclusions regarding the future use of robotics technology. Representatives from the research and policy communities will also provide short synopses describing the impact of the project on their work.

Robotic Visions is funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and was run in partnership with universities and science centres throughout the UK. For further information visit:

**<http://www.walkingwithrobots.org/events/RoboticVisions.php>**

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### Agenda

- 2.00 Refreshments
- 2.15 Welcome by the Chair, Professor David Delpy, Chief Executive of EPSRC
- 2.25 Presentations
- *“Involving young people in debate and dialogue events”*  
Dr Lesley Paterson, Head of Public Engagement,  
The Royal Academy of Engineering
  - *“Why roboticists and funders need to understand the concerns and aspirations of our children's generation”*  
Prof Alan Winfield, EPSRC Senior Media Fellow and Director of the  
Science Communication Unit, UWE Bristol
  - *“Motivations for dialogue; a personal view”*  
Prof Peter McOwan, School of Electronic Engineering and Computer  
Science, Queen Mary University of London
- 2.40 Poster presentations by student representatives from the Robotic Visions conferences (refreshments available)
- 3.40 Closing address by the Chair
- 4.00 Close

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