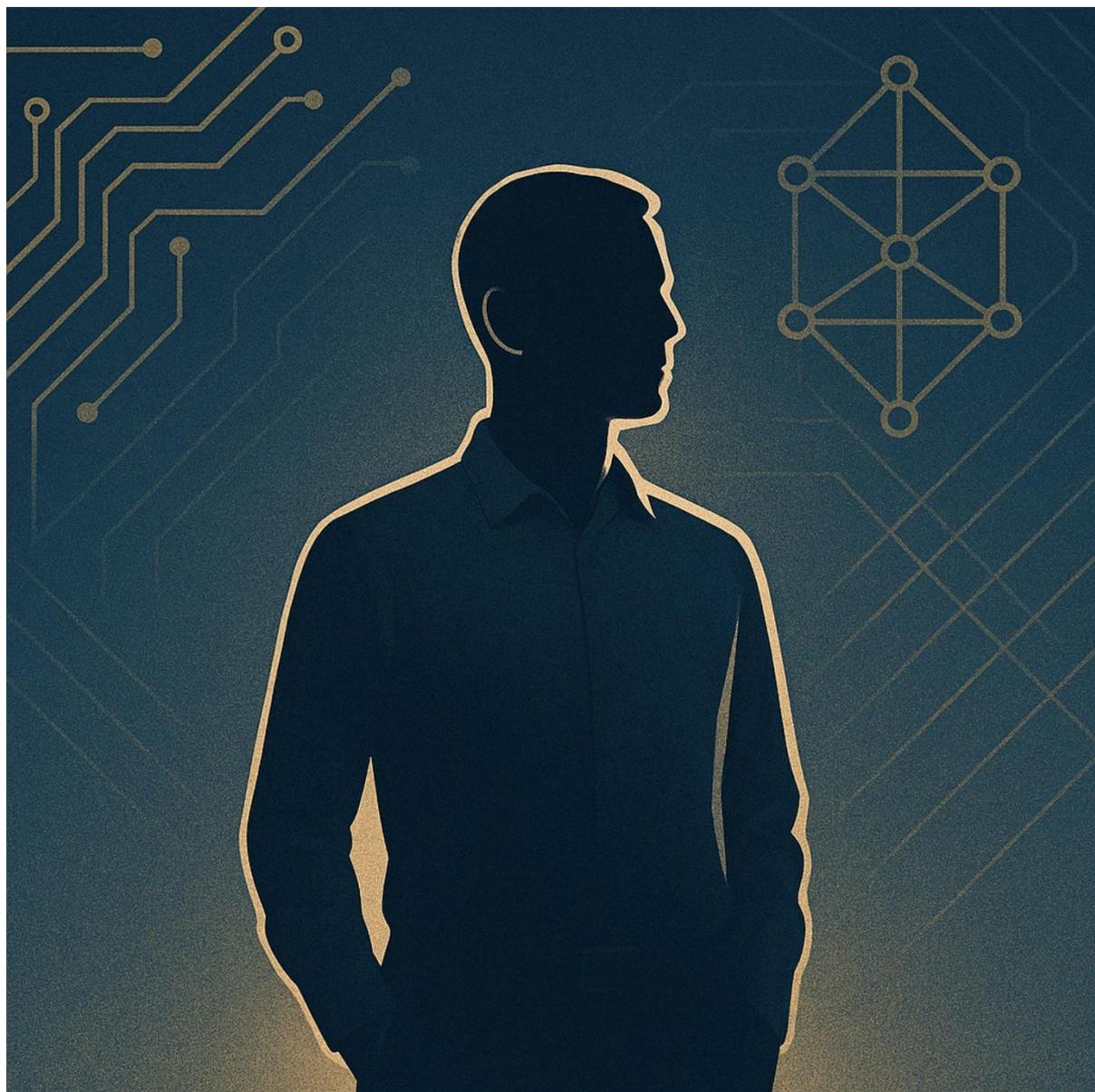


What the Human Sovereignty Charter for Artificial Intelligence Is About

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The *Human Sovereignty Charter for Artificial Intelligence* is a simple idea with a big purpose: to make sure that **people stay in charge of technology**, not the other way around. As AI becomes part of everyday life, the Charter sets out clear rules to protect human dignity, human judgement, and human rights.

It's not a technical document. It's a statement of what we, as people and communities, should expect from any organisation that uses AI.

Why the Charter Matters

AI is already making decisions about jobs, healthcare, education, policing, and public services. Without clear rules, these systems can become:

- unfair
- unaccountable
- intrusive
- or harmful to communities

The Charter exists to prevent that. It gives people a voice and sets boundaries for how AI can be used.

What the Charter Says in Plain Language

1. People must always stay in control

AI can help, but it must never replace human judgement or make final decisions about people's lives.

2. AI must respect human dignity

No system should treat people as data points or reduce them to predictions.

3. You have the right to know when AI is being used

No hidden systems. No secret decisions. No surprises.

4. You can challenge decisions made with AI

If an AI system affects you, you have the right to question it and get a human review.

5. Your data belongs to you

Organisations must protect your information and use only what is necessary.

6. Communities have rights too

AI must not harm neighbourhoods, groups, or cultures. Communities can say "no" to harmful uses.

7. AI must be safe, transparent, and accountable

If an organisation uses AI, it must be able to explain how it works and take responsibility for its impact.

8. AI cannot be used to replace meaningful human work

Technology should support people, not push them aside.

9. Independent oversight is essential

No organisation should mark its own homework. AI systems must be checked by people who are not financially or politically tied to them.

10. The rules must evolve as technology changes

The Charter includes a process for updates, so it stays relevant as AI develops.

Who the Charter Is For

The Charter is designed for everyone:

- **Citizens**, who want to know their rights
- **Communities**, who want protection from harmful technology
- **Workers**, who want to keep meaningful roles
- **Public services**, who want clear guidance
- **Policymakers**, who need a principled framework
- **Developers and companies**, who want to build AI responsibly

It is written to be adopted voluntarily, used in public debate, or serve as a foundation for future laws.

What the Charter Helps Prevent

- AI replacing human decision-making
- unfair or biased automated systems
- surveillance without consent
- loss of jobs or skills through unnecessary automation
- unaccountable “black box” technology
- harm to vulnerable groups or communities

What the Charter Encourages

- human-centred design
- transparency and honesty
- community involvement
- ethical innovation
- responsible use of data

- technology that supports, not replaces, people

In One Sentence

The Human Sovereignty Charter ensures that **AI serves humanity - not the other way around.**

To Read The Charter

The Human Sovereignty Charter for Artificial Intelligence can be read in full, online without charge HERE: <https://adamtugwell.blog/2026/03/07/the-human-sovereignty-charter-for-artificial-intelligence-a-constitutional-framework-for-human-centred-governance-of-ai-full-text/>

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