

Digital Guru Esther Dyson, in conversation with 10th Grade Teen and Health and Voting Activist Raziya Palmer.

Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023, at P&T Knitwear bookstore at 180 Orchard Street on the Lower East Side.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Digital Guru [Esther Dyson](#), in conversation with 10th Grade Teen Health and Voting Activist [Raziya Palmer](#).

Esther Dyson, almost more than any single person, has witnessed the internet grow up from its very earliest days. As the curator of the now legendary conference PC Forum, she was there in 1985 - hosting a gathering of people who have become tech luminaries, among them Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Larry Page, Michael Dell, John Perry Barlow, and Mark Zuckerberg - and has been described as a “digital guru” by Sir Martin Sorrell, the former CEO of WPP.

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They were heady days, back when the internet was all promise. But today, Dyson sees the state of the internet with concern. “It’s a world of misaligned incentives,” says Dyson. And what does that mean for the future? “There are always going to be evil people,” says Dyson. This is why

she’s increasingly focused on health, and the critical role young people will play in repairing and rebuilding the internet and the world as a whole. Dyson is a founding member of the Board of Advisors of the [Sustainable Media Center](#), based in Manhattan.

“We can’t have great future leaders unless they are able to stay healthy mentally,” says Raziya Palmer, an 10th Grader at Success Academy High School of the Liberal Arts in Harlem. She says that during COVID, “being isolated and not having anyone to talk to only left social media. It didn’t really boost my morale. It just made me more addicted, and at the end I felt even more depressed,” says Palmer. Palmer is a member of the NextGen Board of Advisors at the



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The conversation between Dyson and Palmer promises to be eye-opening. Topics will include the addictive nature of Social Media, GenZ mental health, the economic misaligned incentives of the current state of the internet, and News on the web.

"The DNA of news and truth has been corrupted by the money-hungry metabolism of media as entertainment," says Dyson, taking aim at business models that prioritize profits over truth and accuracy. "

The event is taking place on Wednesday, August 23rd, at P&T Knitwear, a community-owned bookstore located on the Lower East Side of NYC, at 180 Orchard Street.

The public is invited, and a limited number of free tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-in-the-city-with-special-guest-esther-dyson-tickets-686584752477?aff=oddtcreator>

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The image shows two identical promotional posters for an event. Each poster features a photo of a young woman, Raziya Palmer, holding a smartphone. The text on the posters includes the Sustainable Media Center logo, the event title 'Teens and Tech with Esther Dyson', the date and time 'Wednesday August 23rd 6:30 - 8:30pm', and the location 'P&T KNITWEAR 180 ORCHARD STREET'. A QR code and a link 'bit.ly/estherrazyading' are also present. The posters include two quotes from Raziya Palmer: '“BEING ISOLATED ONLY LEFT SOCIAL MEDIA. IT DIDN'T REALLY BOOST MY MORALE. I FELT EVEN MORE DEPRESSED.”' and '“WE CAN'T HAVE GREAT FUTURE LEADERS UNLESS THEY ARE ABLE TO STAY HEALTHY MENTALLY.”'. The name 'RAZIYA AND ESTHER' is printed at the bottom of each poster.

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