Theme sheet · 12 January 2027

Speakers' Corner 2.0 · The Shakespeare · 19:30 theme round

AI — helper, threat or just hype? *KI — Helfer, Gefahr oder nur Hype?*

Chatbots, translation apps, self-service checkouts, the voice in your phone. Whether you use it every day or have never tried it — tell us what you have seen, what you hope and what worries you. No technical knowledge needed. *Ob du KI jeden Tag nutzt oder noch nie ausprobiert hast: Erzähl, was du erlebt hast, was du hoffst und was dich beunruhigt. Technikwissen ist nicht nötig.*

Useful words	Auf Deutsch
artificial intelligence (AI)	*künstliche Intelligenz (KI)*
a chatbot / to ask / an answer	*ein Chatbot / fragen / eine Antwort*
to translate / a translation app	*übersetzen / eine Übersetzungs-App*
to replace / to automate / a robot	*ersetzen / automatisieren / ein Roboter*
a job / a skill / to retrain	*ein Arbeitsplatz / eine Fähigkeit / umschulen*
data / privacy / to share	*Daten / Datenschutz / teilen*
real / fake / a deepfake / to trust	*echt / gefälscht / ein Deepfake / vertrauen*
a mistake / to make things up	*ein Fehler / sich etwas ausdenken*
useful / scary / overrated	*nützlich / unheimlich / überschätzt*
to keep up with / to fall behind	*Schritt halten mit / den Anschluss verlieren*

Questions for the table:

- Have you used AI yourself — for what? Did it help?
- Which jobs will change most — and will yours, or your children's?
- Would you trust AI with your health, your money or your driving?
- How can we tell what is real — a photo, a voice, a news story?
- Should children use AI at school, or should it be banned?

Sentences you can start with:

- “I tried it once, and it …”
- “What I find useful is … — what worries me is …”
- “I would never let a computer decide …”
- “Honestly, I think it's overrated / underrated, because …”
- “Can you give me an example?”

Your notes — three words you want to use tonight, one thing you want to say:

Next time: Tuesday, 9 February 2027 — Climate change: the big picture. Ideas for later evenings welcome at the bar or via info@the-shakespeare.pub.