

a place for friends®

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a place for friends: The slogan of the once giant social networking website myspace.com, the unrivalled choice for our online interactions during the mid-2000s.

Fast Forward to the present day, now a plethora of apps compete for the screen time we spend on our smartphones. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, Snapchat, Whatsapp, tumblr, reddit etc. offer us numerous ways to connect and communicate with anyone from a closest friend to an anonymous stranger in any part of the world.

So how exactly do these technologies shape us? The personas we create digitally, our curated social media pages. The comments we leave on anonymous message boards and whether we choose to upvote and downvote the opinions of others. The vitriolic arguments and the well meaning debate we have underneath Youtube videos and breaking news stories. The mountains of data collected from our internet histories. Do these online profiles present a genuine reflection of who we really are?

Together with ROOM 6.4, *a place for friends* intends to further the conversation around such questions and explore how we are affected as individuals by the rise of social media.