From Berlin to Dublin: First re:publica outside Germany

+++ Europe's largest conference on the Internet and digital society is coming to Ireland +++ Call for participation for all interested parties

Berlin, July 21, 2016 – With immediate effect, we are calling on all interested to participate in the making of the program for the very first re:publica in Dublin, which will take place on October 20, 2016. Anyone is invited to participate in our "Call for Participation". Topics, ideas and projects can be submitted online till August 31, 2016.

re:publica is the largest conference on the Internet and digital society in Europe. Since 2007, the event has taken place annually in Berlin over three days in May and welcomed for its tenth anniversary in 2016 more than 8,000 visitors and 770 international speakers from 60 countries.

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And re:publica would like to internationalize its community even more. In the end, issues like net politics, digital rights and the development of the digital society concern all of us. That's why the re:publica will be held outside of Berlin for the very first time, on October 20, 2016. At the one-day conference in Dublin, Ireland, participants can come together and discuss a wide range of topics related to the digital society and the Internet.

"We look forward to link the German and international community in Dublin and to expand our horizons," says Andreas Gebhard, CEO of re:publica. "Berlin and Dublin have a lot in common! We want to highlight that, and point towards where this might be heading in future."

The first re:publica abroad will be notably smaller than the Berlin conference. While at re:publica in May 2016 more than 500 hours of contents over three days offering comprehensive insights into current issues and projects, there is a more condensed program planned for Dublin. In this way, visitors in Ireland will get an impression of what the digital society means for our community.

Participative Conference Program

re:publica is not just a conference, it is a network, or rather, an attitude. The main focus of the conference is to present the opportunities and benefits of new technologies in various areas of society, while simultaneously taking a critical look behind the scenes. This is about more than just pitching the latest technological developments, it's about providing evaluations in the long term and also making suggestions for the future.

What makes re:publica such a unique event is the active participation of participants, speakers and activists alike. And the most important part of compiling the program is our annual Call for Participation. For the Irish edition of re:publica, all interested parties now have the opportunity to submit their exciting debates, ideas, talks, projects, discussion panels, art performances or workshops. Everyone interested can become part of the program in Dublin and actively participate in the making. Imagination knows no limits, after all, and the openness and diversity of topics is one of the hallmarks of re:publica. Our topical interests range from media

and politics to IoT, education, health, mobility, FinTech, science and business – all aspects of social life have their place at re:publica.

The main focus of the conference, as always, is on net politics: current political developments are illuminated, debated and scrutinized by experts from the digital sphere. This includes further areas of policy such as European politics (Hashtag #Brexit). But we are also expecting topics from fields like urban development and sustainability, e.g. water and housing issues in Dublin, from the Call for Participation. And re:publica comprises far more even beyond these focus topics. It is a lively display of various aspects of digital society, pop and hacker culture – be it inclusion, hate speech on the Internet, the Maker movement, or Social Media Marketing: all exciting, remarkable or surprising net topics are welcome here.

Deadlines

The Call for Participation for the re:publica in Dublin is divided into three stages. Anyone submitting a topic in the next two weeks will immediately be in the first round. The second deadline is on August 17, 2016, the final deadline on August 31, 2016. More information about our Call for Participation:
https://re-publica.com/en/dub16/page/call-participation-join-us-republica-dublin

About re:publica

re:publica is the largest conference about the Internet and Digital Society in Europe. It brings together more than 8,000 participants to discuss the issues of the contemporary digital society. Bloggers meet with politicians, scientists with entrepreneurs, artists with activists. The shareholders of republica GmbH, newthinking communications and Spreeblick Verlag, have been active in the field of net politics and digital culture and society for more than a decade. They run two of the most well-known blogs in Germany: netzpolitik.org and spreeblick.com. The next re:publica will take place in Dublin, on October 20, 2016.

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