

Festival for the Digital Society re:publica Returns to Dublin Next Week

7th – 8th September 2017

Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield Dublin

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Dublin: Thursday, 31st August 2017: re:publica one of the largest digital culture conferences in the world returns to Dublin next Thursday (7th September) and Friday (8th September) with a 300 capacity audience of activists, scientists, hackers, entrepreneurs, NGOs, journalists, social media and marketing experts gathered to discuss the future of the information society.

Curious about psychedelic experiences in the digital age, the European passport or the future of Twitter? Among a line-up of 40 individual events and 55 speakers, re:publica will tackle topics concerning the digital society from various perspectives and include discussions on the housing crisis, the future of Twitter (#BuyTwitter), and the success potential of digital news and media coops. The 'digital festival' is designed to foster innovation and create synergies between net politics, online marketing, network technology, digital society, and (pop) culture and create a Europe-wide network of creative industries. re:publica Dublin is part of the [re:connecting Europe initiative](#), which is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

According to CEO, Andreas Gebhard, many creatives in Europe are currently not working together, or only to a limited degree. Despite their geographical and technical vicinity, they simply don't know each other (yet). *"We want to manifest ideas on how we can collaborate to shape a shared future of our digital society. We want to network you, the community, with Ireland and the world, with local and international stakeholders, and projects from the cultural, societal and political sectors. Dublin isn't just the connection to northern Europe, many of the big tech companies are based in Ireland, making it a gateway to the international creative and digital industry."*

Topic Highlights Include:

1. **Housing Crisis in a Tech Bubble** : Although a rapidly expanding tech hub of Europe, Dublin is also the centre of a massive housing crisis. Homelessness is on the rise in almost all European countries. Digital platforms have provided a rallying

point for housing rights activism, epitomised by the support for the occupation of Apollo House. But is it in fact the in-person community groups that affect most change? The conference brings together activists, squatters and members of the tech industry to discuss how we address this crisis. re:publica have made this session open to the public for free due to its relevance in Dublin today.

2. **Work and Employment in the Digital Age** : Work, its organisation and design and its regulation and protection are all changing because of technological developments. Eurofound, the agency of the European Union tasked with monitoring living and working conditions will present the results of its research on digitalisation and its impact on the division of labour, job quality, social policy and industrial relations policy. It will provide a forward-looking analysis of trends, outlining what the future world of work could look like.
3. **Cryptolunch**: Inspired by the idea behind cryptoparty, this workshop will be held as a get-together during lunchtime, hence the term Cryptolunch, to share knowledge about protecting yourself in the digital space including encrypted communication, preventing being tracked while browsing the web and general security advice regarding computers and smartphones.
4. **Stories of Protest: Identity and Networks Across Europe and Beyond** : A talk about storytelling, protest and digital identity across Europe - through documentary film-making and academic interviews, grassroots-level storytelling emerges as a connector. Explore how sharing personal stories can cross borders and help people embrace the commonalities and differences in their expressions of dissent, and how digital networks can help or hinder this diffusion of ideas and tactics and connect individuals into networks of meanings.
5. **#BuyTwitter - Lessons from Silicon Valley for the Silicon Docks**: #BuyTwitter went from a hashtag, to a gathering of online activists and ultimately to a provocative motion at a Twitter AGM proposing the sale of the social network to its users! Learn about the importance that having activists organising on the ground in San Francisco made to channelling the efforts of the activists online. Explore how activists based in Dublin, as home to many of the dominant digital platforms, could play a critical role in advancing the next #BuyTwitter movement.



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What They Say About re: publica

"It is one of the most important digital events in Europe. If you want to find out which individuals, technologies, and issues will affect the internet now and in the future. re:publica is an annual must-attend event for us googlers." **Google Deutschland GmbH** .

"re:publica is always a chance for us to engage in dialogue with digital society's pioneers and visionaries and to obtain feedback. And of course it is important to us that participants realize how many and which innovative solutions IBM has to offer." **IBM Deutschland GmbH**

"It is one of the world's largest symposiums on digital culture, blogs, social media and the information society." **The Washington Post**

"re:publica doesn't simply want to be a place of debate, but also a space for artistic interaction, live Put simply, a 'document of the zeitgeist of the digital society'." Deutschlandfunk,

