Ireland Invades Texas, Blacknight CEO Michele Neylon to speak at SXSW

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SUMMARY

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Everything is bigger in Texas, and SXSW 2016 is no exception. Set to be the world's largest gathering of music, film and tech professionals in the world, the festival also has a strong Irish presence with Dublin's Startup Commissioner, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland hosting a number of events throughout the Interactive festival.

Blacknight's Neylon will be speaking during the conference on a panel titled: "Giving the Internet Away? ICANN explained". The discussion will take place Friday March 11, 2016 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Salon 5 of the JW Marriot Austin. The panel explores the ways in which Global Internet Governance may not be sexy, but can literally be a matter of life or death. From the transition of the IANA function away from US oversight to a breakdown of how ICANN works, panelists will explain current issues and how audience members can get involved.

The panel will also discuss Multistakeholderism in the Internet community, the congressional role in global governance and what sort of engagement needs to happen within the tech community to ensure the preservation of an open Internet.

"Global Internet governance and the preservation of the open Internet are some of the most pressing global issues we face," Neylon explains. "There is no longer a separation of online vs. 'real life', it is all just life and if we don't take steps to educate and protect users the future of the Internet and the future of governance may look quite grim."

Neylon continues: "There is currently a lot of discussion, some of it informed, some of it rather misinformed around the IANA transition and how it impacts the internet. The US presidential election campaign, which is currently in full swing, has somehow managed to suck in ICANN and IANA into its circus, and our panel discussion will help to deal with some of the surrounding myths and touch on

related topics like how governments should (or should not) play a role in the Internet's evolution."

Neylon will be joined by Christian Dawson - Chairman of the Internet Infrastructure Coalition, Rachel Wolbers – Legislative Director of TwinLogic Strategies, and Suzan DelBene – Congresswoman, US House of Representatives.

This panel is open to all badge holders. Seating capacity is limited, so arrive early to become part of the discussion.

RELEVANT LINKS

Giving the Internet Away? ICANN Explained
http://schedule.sxsw.com/2016/events/event_PP47843

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> — Michele Neylon, CEO, Blacknight

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