

MIT tech conference EmTech Europe to locate in Belfast

MIT Technology Review's [EmTech Europe](#) conference has chosen Belfast as its location for the next three years.

EmTech Europe, one of the world's most prestigious technology conferences, will be held in Belfast in 2021, 2022 and 2023, taking place virtually on 27 and 28 May this year.

The conference will unite the CEOs, researchers and policymakers at the heart of the next technology revolution to share groundbreaking research and discoveries. Previous speakers include: Marc Benioff, chair, CEO and founder at Salesforce; Mike Schroepfer, CTO at Facebook; and Yasmin Green, director of Research and Development, Jigsaw at Google.

In partnership with Belfast City Council the title of this year's conference is "Forging a Brighter Future" and the event will explore the following themes: a sustainable future, an intelligent future, a healthy future and an equitable future.

Influencing European tech

“EmTech Europe will give a platform to Europe’s most influential leaders in technology, policy and business, to help start new conversations on how technology can create more opportunity and prosperity, as countries look to rebuild economies and societies beyond this pandemic.” said Tom Gray, Curator of EmTech Europe, and Group CTO of FTSE 250 company Kainos.

“Playing host to MIT Technology Review’s flagship European conference for the next three years affirms Belfast’s place as a growing global tech hub and is a major coup for our burgeoning tech sector and wider industries across the island of Ireland. We look forward to welcoming delegates on a virtual platform this year but are hugely excited for them to see what Belfast has to offer when we welcome them in person in years two and three.”

Emerging global tech hub

According to the organisers Belfast forms an appropriate backdrop for the first major international conference to take place on the island of Ireland as a European city with a reputation as an emerging global tech hub which finds itself both inside and outside the EU post-Brexit and which has a global reputation for peace making. The city boasts a dynamic, highly skilled and innovative workforce and many indigenous tech companies that are recognised as world leaders in their own right.

“MIT Technology Review's mission is to equip audiences with the tools to understand and contribute to a world shaped by technology—our events bring that mission to life around the globe,” said Nico Crepaldi, head of Custom Content at MIT Technology Review.

“Today, we are delighted to see the EmTech series returning to Europe, better and stronger than ever before, with Belfast as its hub.”

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