

Maynooth “think-in” calls on Kildare public to share views on video surveillance

Smile, you’re on camera! From taking the bus, to police surveillance and everything in between, we are now being monitored in a way we never have been before. An exciting event on Tuesday 8 November invites the people of Kildare to share their views, concerns and ideas on the use of video surveillance in Irish society.

The Science Foundation Ireland ADAPT Centre for AI-Driven Digital Content Technology is collaborating with researchers at Maynooth University to deliver a “#DiscussAI think-in” that will generate lively discussion on the increasing use of public surveillance through Artificial Intelligence and its impact on our day-to-day lives. The event will run from 6pm-8pm in Maynooth Public Library on Main Street, Maynooth.

Through fascinating discussion scenarios, attendees will explore and deliberate on the potential benefits and drawbacks of AI surveillance for individuals and society at large.

#DiscussAI Think-Ins are a forum for everyone – citizens, researchers, and industry professionals – to openly discuss the potential future we face as AI technologies evolve. These discussions allow a space to explore together if there is a safe and ethical way for us all to benefit from AI technology.

The event is open to all adults. Note that you don’t need any prior knowledge of AI to participate.

Online registration is required at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/maynoothlibrary/772798#>

[The discussion scenario:  **Scenario: Big Brother Is Watching You... So what**

The Interview Opportunity:

Dr Ciara Bracken-Roche, Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Criminology at Maynooth University, is available for an interview on this topic.

Dr Bracken-Roche’s recent work on police use of surveillance technologies has included advocacy on the use of facial recognition technology by An Garda Síochána, specifically regarding the An Garda Síochána (Digital Recording) Bill:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/letters/2022/06/02/garda-use-of-facial-recognition-technologies-unnecessary-and-disproportionate/>.

An example of Dr Bracken-Roche’s interview style is her interview on Newstalk’s Pat Kenny Show in February 2022:

<https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-the-pat-kenny-show/we-hear-about-the-unlocking-potential-project>

Dr Bracken-Roche's full profile is available at:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/people/ciara-bracken-roche#1>

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