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Constitution Center partnering with Google on tech fair

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The
National
Constitution
Center
is
partnering
with
Google
to host
a tech
fair on
Nov.
16 to
show
how
technology
can be
used
to
build
democracies.

The
Old
City

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nonprofit
will
work
with
the
giant
California
technology
company
– with
which
it has
already
collaborated
for
construct
a lab
allowing
visitors
to
compare
excerpts
of the
U.S.
Constitution
with
constitutions
of
other
countries
– and
the
Sweden-
based

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International
Institute
for
Democracy
and
Electoral
Assistance.



Jeffrey
Rosen,
CEO of
the
National
Constitutio
Center.

JEFF FUSCO

The
Constitution
Center's
CEO,
Jeff
Rosen,
hopes
the
general
public
will
turn
out to
absorb
the
dialogue
between

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and
constitution
drafting
experts
from
this
first-
ever
conference.

- ***Comcast***
vs.
YouTube?
Phila.
mass
media
giant
working
on video
platform,
report
claims

"The
dialogue
is
hugely
important,"
Rosen
said.
"This
is a
time
when

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makers
around
the
world
can
draw
upon
each
other's
wisdom
and
experience.
The
relevant
technologies
are
thrilling."

Sumit
Bisarya,
the
senior
project
manager
for
International
IDEA,
said
he and
Rosen
began
talks
to

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the

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inaugural
event
at the
NCC
about
six
months
ago.

"I was
highly
impressed
with
the
vibrancy
of the
NCC
when
I
visited,
and it
struck
me
how
much
of
what
happened
at the
Philadelphia
Convention
is still
relevant

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making
around
the
world
today,
including
ways
in
which
technology
is
being
used
during
the
process,"
Bisarya
said.

- *Can you
guess
what's
inside the
Jason
Kelce
sandwich?*

Applications
are
being
accepted
here
to give
presentations

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speeches
that
focus
on
three
areas:

- How
technology
can create
better
access to
information
for
constitution
drafters;
- How
technology
can evoke
transparency
to keep the
public
informed;
- How
technology
can
encourage
public
debate.

Rosen
listed
some

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those
technologies,
which
included
real-
time
translation
services,
information
verification
services,
online-
collaboration
services,
content
production
apps,
data
and
information
visualization
platform,
and
real-
time
video
services.

Bisarya
described
how
Tunisia
even

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social

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media
to
encourage
feedback
from
citizens
on
constitution
drafts,
using
technology
such
as
Google
Docs.

"I
think
we are
only
scratching
the
surface,"
Bisarya
said.

"Preparing
for
this
event
has
put
me in
touch

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with
some

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really
groundbreaking
tech
entrepreneurs
and
we
hope
the
event
will
get
them
to
channel
their
creative
energy
and
knowledge
of
how
technology
can
effect
change
to the
crucial
process
of
constitution
making."

▪ ***Comedy***

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gives

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*'Delco
Proper'
3-episode
extension*

The
aspiring
entrepreneur
may
not
think
such
technology
has a
big
market,
but
Bisarya
added
that
there
are
over
20
countries
undergoing
major
constitutional
change
in
2015.

"We're
not

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the
conference
with a
profit
motive,"
Rosen
said.
"We're
a
nonprofit
that
wants
to
spread
information
about
this
technology
to
constitution
drafters.
But I'd
be
interested
to
learn
if
there
is a
business
model
and
how

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technology
is
being
produced."

*Dan
Norton
covers
technology
and
education
for
the
Philadelphia
Business
Journal.*

Get
Contact
Information
for
**National
Constitution
Center**
and **1**
other.
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