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WEB3 SUMMIT BERLIN 2026: **INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES**

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The leading global expert voices on who owns and governs our digital lives and the vital importance of privacy, agency and control in the AI-platform era are available for interview, either done in person or remotely, at the Web3 Summit on 18-19 June

15 June 2026: As artificial intelligence concentrates unprecedented power in the hands of a shrinking number of corporations, and as governments race to regulate technologies they barely understand, Web3 Summit Berlin 2026 brings together the world's most urgent and provocative thinkers on digital power, financial sovereignty and the future of the open internet. The following speakers are available to interview on a case-by-case and availability basis during the conference period.

Available for Interview and Comment:

1. Gavin Wood: *Co-founder, Ethereum; Founder, Parity Technologies & Polkadot*

Gavin Wood first defined Web3 and can connect the birth of Ethereum, the original idea of Web3, the fight over digital sovereignty and the practical question of whether decentralised technology can ever become usable at scale. He authored the Ethereum Yellow Paper, helped design much of the early Ethereum stack, founded Web3 Foundation and founded Parity Technologies. At a moment when AI, platform monopolies and surveillance are reshaping the internet, Gavin is uniquely placed to explain why what Web3 provides is important – and what comes next.

2. Max Schrems: *Lawyer, Privacy Activist & Founder, NOYB (None of Your Business)*

Max Schrems is the lawyer behind some of the most consequential legal challenges against Facebook and other major tech companies over data privacy and surveillance. As founder of NOYB, he has become one of the leading global voices in digital rights and privacy regulation, shaping how Europe holds Big Tech accountable, and therefore can detail how the principles of digital freedom, privacy and user sovereignty can become matters of law rather than merely subjects of debate; for example around the invalidation of EU-US data transfer frameworks and GDPR challenges on personalised advertising.

3. Nick Srnicek: *Political Economist & Author, Platform Capitalism*

Nick Srnicek is a political economist whose book *Platform Capitalism* became a defining text on how digital platforms reshape labour, governance, and the economy. His research examines automation and the political stakes of the technologies now driving artificial intelligence. A senior lecturer in digital economy at King's College London, he can place Web3 inside the bigger fight over the future of technology capitalism and his latest work, *Silicon Empires: The Fight for the Future of AI*, examines in detail how AI is accelerating centralisation, surveillance and geopolitical competition.

4. Friederike Ernst: *Co-founder, Gnosis*

Friederike Ernst co-founded Gnosis, one of the earliest and most influential projects in decentralized prediction markets and coordination infrastructure. She has since become a

leading voice on the social and political implications of decentralized technologies and digital governance. Gnosis sits at the point where decentralised finance meets ordinary consumer experience and can therefore discuss whether Web3 is finally moving from ideology to everyday utility and if self-custody, payments and privacy can compete with banks, fintechs and Big Tech platforms.

5. Bill Laboon: *Vice President of Technical Operations, Web3 Foundation*

Bill Laboon's work at Web3 Foundation makes him an expert on how decentralised systems work, why they matter and where the industry still has to improve. He can talk in detail on what is the real price of 'free' digital services and explain the connections between the data economy, AI, privacy and decentralisation and how this impacts everyday digital life, not just blockchain infrastructure. A former computer science lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh, he is also the author of two books on software testing and the future of cryptocurrency and has worked extensively on blockchain education.

6. Karim Jemma: *Director of Applied Engineering, Parity Technologies*

Karim Jemma leads applied engineering at Parity Technologies, where he focuses on turning Web3 infrastructure into tools people actually use day to day. Known for rapid prototyping and hands-on experimentation, his work centres on making decentralized technology tangible, understandable, and practical for everyday life. His own writing covers themes such as AI agents participating in blockchain governance and the way modern web architecture pushes supposedly decentralised systems back towards centralised intermediaries.

7. Joan Westenberg: *Writer, Technologist & Founder, Signalvs and The Index*

Joan Westenberg is an Australian writer, entrepreneur, and commentator exploring the intersection of technology, media, digital culture and human agency. Her work examines how emerging technologies shape society, identity and the future of the internet. She can speak to the emotional, social and cultural consequences of digital dependence and why Web3 matters for those who care about culture, work, identity and power, not just blockchain.

8. Journalism and Web3 Against Censorship: *Cocuyo Project Freepress Movement*

These leading independent South American journalists take the event's core issue – who should control our digital future? – and provide a practical example of why change is needed. They have practical experience of seeking to conduct their work in states hostile to open inquiry, have examples of being forced into exile for their work, and know how a more privacy-focused internet can provide the answer to enable them to pursue their work freer from outside pressures. The Cocuyo Project Freepress Movement with Luz Mely Reyes, Carlos Aguiló and José Luis Peñarredonda Martínez illustrate how Web3 can help journalists, artists and civic actors resist censorship, preserve truth, protect sources and build independent channels in places where the open internet is already under pressure.

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Notes for Editors:

The Web3 Summit is a community-driven gathering for people advocating for a more open, decentralised and user-controlled internet. It brings together developers, researchers, founders and creators to share ideas, test new approaches and advance practical Web3 technologies. The Web3 Summit 2026 will take place at Funkhaus Berlin on 18 and 19 June 2026. Key themes of the event will be:

1. How Web3 supports digital freedom

The Summit will be focused on privacy, sovereignty, usability and agency. It is vital that people have more control over their data, identity and digital lives.

2. Convene builders, critics and cultural voices in the same room

The event encompasses developers, designers, founders, researchers, political thinkers, activists, artists and curious outsiders. The Summit is a live event built around a working environment where technical people and social critics can test what a better internet might actually look like.

3. Address the platform power question

Who controls the systems shaping digital life? Today's internet is dominated by platforms that extract attention, profile behaviour and centralise control over identity, communication and participation. AI only accelerates this problem. The issues of surveillance, platform dependency and technological power will be core to the event.

4. Why decentralisation matters

A major theme is turning Web3 values into usable systems. The programme is built around talks, workshops, unconference sessions, open collaboration and practical experimentation. Web3 Foundation's earlier announcement said the 2026 edition would have a builder-first agenda centred on research, experimentation and hands-on creation, rather than a traditional conference model.

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