

Taking on Goliath: Irish Journalist Gemma O'Doherty Takes on Google

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Google's European headquarters in Dublin were surprised when Irish journalist Gemma O'Doherty and Yellow Vests Ireland staged a protest over YouTube shutting down the Livestream facility of her channel.

Gemma is known for her work in exposing alleged corruption in the country's criminal justice system and police force. She also [worked](#) for 16 years as Chief Features Writer at the Irish Independent until she was sacked for investigating the Garda penalty points system.

The protesters were locked in to the building (Tuesday, 12 February) at 1pm for 12 hours before Google/YouTube apologized and restored her Livestream facility at 1am.

Afterwards she tweeted:

"A victory for free speech tonight by #YellowVest #Ireland. Our occupation of @Google HQ ended in success following the reinstatement of my @YouTube. We will continue to fight all censorship by #SiliconValley who are fleecing Irish taxpayers #EndGlobalismNow #GiletsJaunes"

O'Doherty's channel has become a popular site for alternative views on globalism and free speech. Her videos have covered many different topics such as vaccines, abortion, wind energy, censorship, cultural Marxism, corruption within the UN, the Clinton Foundation and much more.



It is unfortunate for Google and advantageous for Gemma that their European headquarters are based in Dublin, thus providing a physical target for an Irish peaceful protest. This is the Achilles Heel for Google in this case as these worldwide firms are usually difficult to approach online through the very medium within which they can exert so much control.

At 1pm today [@gemmaod1](#) and her [#YellowVests](#) supporters decided to take a stand at the GHQ demanding Google reinstate her YouTube account.
At 1am her account was restored and she left the building.
Listen to her call-to-action to the Irish people here.
Music by [@XuriousMusic](#) pic.twitter.com/ml6kVIVSv9

— Comhrá Dublin (@ComhraDublin) [February 13, 2019](#)

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