



ElevenLabs Aims to Restore One Million Voices with AI by SXSW 2026

Description

At the South by Southwest (SXSW) festival, ElevenLabs, an artificial intelligence (AI) audio company, joined forces with Rebecca Gayheart Dane, widow of actor Eric Dane, to launch a new initiative. This programme aims to provide free AI voice restoration for one million individuals who have permanently lost their voices.

During a panel discussion at SXSW on Friday, ElevenLabs' co-founder, Mati Staniszewski, announced that the company is searching globally for participants for the One Million Voices Initiative. He invited attendees to share contact information for people suffering from voice loss, particularly due to cancer or other medical conditions. Interested parties can fill out an online interest form.

Eric Dane, famous for his roles in *Euphoria* and *Grey's Anatomy*, passed away in February after battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a disease that affects muscle control. Before his death, he worked with ElevenLabs to recreate his voice, and now Gayheart Dane wants to highlight this technology to help others.

Gayheart Dane emphasised the importance of one's voice, stating that losing it can significantly affect a person's identity and joy. She described how ElevenLabs' technology brought back joy to Eric by restoring his voice for their daughters.

Despite ongoing concerns about AI technology, Gayheart Dane believes this initiative exemplifies its positive potential, encouraging other companies to follow suit in using technology for good.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the initiative launched by ElevenLabs?

- Option: One Million Voices Initiative
- Option: Voice Restoration Project
- Option: AI Voice Restoration Program
- Option: Eric's Voice Initiative

2. Who is Rebecca Gayheart Dane?

- Option: Co-founder of ElevenLabs
- Option: Widow of actor Eric Dane
- Option: A panel speaker at SXSW



Option: An AI technology expert

3. Which disease did Eric Dane battle before his passing?

Option: Cancer

Option: Parkinson's Disease

Option: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Option: Multiple Sclerosis

4. How many individuals is the One Million Voices Initiative aiming to help?

Option: 100,000

Option: 500,000

Option: 1,000,000

Option: 2,000,000

5. Where was the announcement of the initiative made?

Option: At a private event

Option: At the Academy Awards

Option: At the South by Southwest (SXSW) festival

Option: At a technology conference

6. What does Gayheart Dane believe about the potential of AI technology?

Option: It is only negative

Option: It should not be used in healthcare

Option: It exemplifies positive potential

Option: It is too risky

True-False

7. ElevenLabs is primarily focused on AI visual technology.

8. Eric Dane is known for his role in the show Euphoria.

9. The One Million Voices Initiative provides paid voice restoration services.

10. Mati Staniszewski is the co-founder of ElevenLabs.

11. Gayheart Dane feels that losing one's voice does not affect identity.



12. The initiative seeks to help individuals who have temporarily lost their voices.

Gap-Fill

13. The initiative aims to provide free AI voice restoration for one million individuals who have permanently lost their _____ .

14. Before his death, Eric Dane worked with ElevenLabs to recreate his _____ .

15. Gayheart Dane believes that losing a voice can significantly affect a person's _____ and joy.

16. The technology used by ElevenLabs helped restore Eric's voice for their _____ .

17. The company is searching globally for participants in the One Million _____ Initiative.

18. Despite concerns about AI technology, the initiative is seen as a _____ potential for good.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. One Million Voices Initiative 2. Widow of actor Eric Dane 3. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) 4. 1,000,000 5. At the South by Southwest (SXSW) festival 6. It exemplifies positive potential

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. voices 14. voice 15. identity 16. daughters 17. Voices 18. positive

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