

Museum Folkwang

Education and Communication

For that part of the museum's work directed at the public at large, the new building offers fresh possibilities. Here the Education and Communication department, which has recently been reorganized under a new head, has a special role to play. Expanded workrooms and seminar rooms in the old building, available in the spring, will allow the Museum Folkwang to provide a broad range of educational activities. With the aim of making the Museum Folkwang a place of lively discussion and exchange on art, culture and life, these will be directed especially towards children and families, teachers and pupils, youth and students. There will be an extensive tour and events program for adults as well.

In February and March, 2010, the various events will focus mainly on the new building's architecture and the new presentation of the collection. On Sundays, children and adults can explore the new building or set out together on an expedition on the topic of color, equipped with an F-Box, a collection of materials with guides which can be borrowed from the visitors information desk at any time. Exhibition talks for pupils and training for teachers aim to keep them up to date with exhibitions and for a long-term and lasting relationship with schools from the region and beyond. Meet the Artist is a double invitation to young people to work together with artists present at the exhibitions of the Photographic and Graphic Arts collections. The Speaking through Art project is the start of a joint communication and research project between the Museum Folkwang and the University of Essen.

As soon as the exhibition "The most beautiful museum in the world" – Museum Folkwang to 1933 (from 20 March, 2010) opens and the workrooms and seminar rooms are ready for use, the program will be expanded. Regular publications such as a quarterly program and the homepage will provide information of the education and communication program.

An overview of current events for January to March can be found in the inauguration newspaper or at www.museum-folkwang.de

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Audio Guide

For the first time, the Museum Folkwang is offering an audio guide (production: Antenna Audio) outside the special exhibitions as well. The audio tour contains a number of recordings on the 20th and 21st century collection as well as on the new building's architecture. Director Hartwig Fischer talks about his favorite works and architect David Chipperfield also makes a contribution. With the re-opening of the 19th century and classical modern collections in the listed old building, the audio guide will be expanded. There is also a tour of the exhibition "The most beautiful museum in the world" – Museum Folkwang to 1933.

The audio guide can be rented for 4 € at the visitors information desk in the entrance hall. At www.museum-folkwang.de you can also listen to selected audio texts.