



22nd and 23rd March 2014
Open House at the Römer

A LOOK INSIDE CITY HALL

**World – Home –
Frankfurt**

11-18 o'clock, at the Römer

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World – Home – Frankfurt

"The world is at home in Frankfurt am Main. People from over 170 countries reside here in peaceful harmony. Here in Germany, only Berlin has more diplomatic missions and international schools. Frankfurt is well known as a city of short distances. It is also known to be a place of open minds and open hearts. Friends from Turkey, Spain and the United States, neighbours from the Ukraine, colleagues from Finland, Argentina and France - all of this is routine for Frankfurt locals. Please come and be our guests - you, your family and your friends - when the City of Frankfurt am Main opens the doors of Römer City Hall for a highly interesting and entertaining two-day open-house event."

Sincerely yours,

Peter Feldmann

Lord Mayor of the City of Frankfurt am Main

Open to one and all

"World – Home – Frankfurt" is the motto of this year's open-house event at Römer City Hall, to be held on **Saturday, 22nd March and Sunday, 23rd March from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**. All Frankfurt residents are invited to take **"A Look Inside City Hall"** and to discover what's behind doors that are normally closed to the general public, such as the lord mayor's office, for example. Better yet, you are invited to get involved and to ask questions that you've always wanted to ask. Share your ideas, comments and wishes. The city's politicians, departments and institutions want to know what's on your mind.

Or perhaps you simply want to have a look behind the scenes. Either way, come for a visit. You are most welcome!

The official dates and times for the programme highlights listed below are Saturday, 22nd March and Sunday, 23rd March, between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm!

Alternating opening hours are posted separately.

Meet the head of Frankfurt's city council

He is the city's chief townsman, representing Frankfurt on a communal, national and international level. What other tasks and duties is Stephan Siegler responsible for as head of Frankfurt's city council? Ask him! He'll be waiting for you in his office.

Room 320, on Saturday, 22nd March, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm and on Sunday, 23rd March, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

Have a chat with Frankfurt's lord mayor

Praise? Criticism? New ideas? Whatever it is, Lord Mayor Peter Feldmann wants to know what Frankfurt locals have on their minds. He'll be taking the time to listen to your comments personally on **22nd March from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm.**

Please note that the number of participants is limited, advance registration is necessary: The discussions commence at 3:00 pm next to the stand of the Department of International Affairs on the 2nd floor at Römer City Hall.

Even if you miss the chance to speak to the lord mayor personally, you will still have the opportunity to take a look inside his office on both days of the event.

Become acquainted with Frankfurt's political parties

"A Look Inside City Hall" also enables visitors to learn more about the issues that local parties are dealing with at the moment, and to find out which politicians are responsible for which particular subject areas. You'll find information booths of the following parties set up in **the gallery ("Wandelhalle") and staircase ("Neugotisches Treppenhaus") on the 2nd floor of Römer City Hall.**

CHRISTLICHE DEMOKRATISCHE UNION/CDU

In addition to the regular programme, guided tours of the CDU office are available on both days, taking place on the hour from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Meeting point is the CDU information booth in the Wandelhalle.

Discussions with the CDU chairman, Michael zu Löwenstein, are possible on Saturday and Sunday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 301. To take part, please register in advance, either by calling 069 / 13 87 280, sending an e-mail to info@cdu-fraktion.frankfurt.de or arranging a time at the CDU information booth in the Wandelhalle. By the way, the CDU information booth will also be accepting second-hand children's books for "Stiftung Waisenhaus", a special foundation for orphaned children.

DIE GRÜNEN IM RÖMER

Aside from the regular programme, two special events will be taking place in Room 337 ("Miniature Garden Workshop") and Room 338 ("Upcycling") at Bethmannstraße 3, 3rd floor.

SOZIALDEMOKRATISCHE PARTEI DEUTSCHLANDS/SPD

On Sunday, 23rd March, female members of the local SPD party will be inviting visitors to take part in the traditional "Women's Breakfast" at Römer City Hall. The event is scheduled to begin at 11:00 am, with this year's motto being "Women Migrants - A Blessing for Frankfurt!" The event is taking place at Haus Silberberg on the 2nd floor of Römer City Hall.

DIE LINKE.

In addition to the regular programme, visitors are welcome to meet with party members at Café Rosa Luxemburg, Room 106, Bethmannstraße 3, 1st floor.

FREIE DEMOKRATISCHE PARTEI/FDP

FREIE WÄHLER

An additional party programme will be performed in Room 1, Bethmannstraße 3, Ground floor.

ELF PIRATEN

An additional party programme will be performed in Room 27a, Bethmannstraße 3, Ground floor.

Rooms

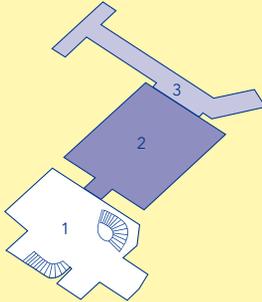
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4. OBERGESCHOSS (4TH FLOOR)

- 1 Besuchercafé (Visitors café)

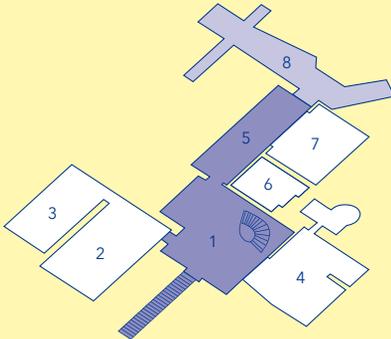
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3. OBERGESCHOSS (3RD FLOOR)

- 1 Foyer
- 2 Plenarsaal (Plenary Hall)
- 3 Dienstzimmer des Stadtverordnetenvorstehers (Office of the President of Frankfurt's City Council)

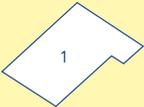
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2. OBERGESCHOSS (2ND FLOOR)

- 1 Foyer Kaisersaal (Foyer next to Emperors' Hall)
- 2 Kaisersaal (Emperors' Hall)
- 3 Limpurgsaal
- 4 Dienstzimmer Oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor's office)
- 5 Wandelhalle (Gallery)
- 6 Vorraum Magistratssitzungssaal (Anteroom of the magistrate conference Hall)
- 7 Magistratssitzungssaal (Magistrate conference Hall)
- 8 Neugotisches Treppenhaus (Staircase)

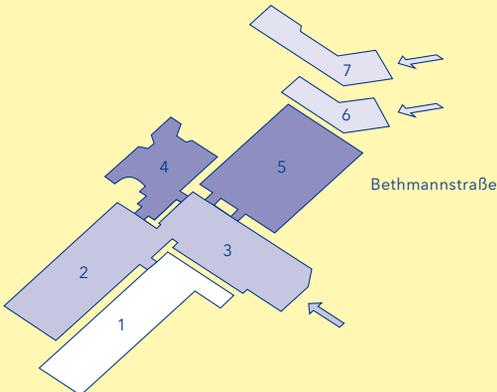
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1. OBERGESCHOSS (1ST FLOOR)

- 1 Trausaal (Wedding Hall)

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ERDGESCHOSS (GROUND FLOOR)

- 1 Foyer
- 2 Römerhalle
- 3 Schwanenhalle
- 4 Römerhöfchen
- 5 Ratskeller und Kapellchen
- 6 Zugang Ratskeller (Access to Ratskeller)
- 7 Zugang Bethmannstraße (Access to Bethmannstraße 3)

Meet your local advisory council

Is the playground in your area starting to show signs of age? Does your neighbourhood need a supermarket that's a bit closer than the current one? For these and similar issues concerning your city district or neighbourhood, speak to your local advisory councillors (Ortsbeirat). They'll be happy to help you with your questions or comments, which they'll forward to the city council and respective municipal authorities.

To find out which local advisory councillors are available at what times during the open-house event, please see the signboards in the foyer in front of the plenary hall on the 3rd floor of Römer City Hall.

Get to know Frankfurt's foreigners advisory council (KAV)

Frankfurt is home to people from over 170 countries. Everyone has the right to participate, especially in democratic procedures. How?

Find out at the information booth of Frankfurt's foreigners advisory council (KAV).

Foyer on the ground floor, Römer City Hall.

Learn more about the tasks and duties of Frankfurt's city council

Without the city council, no political decisions or resolutions would be made. To find out how the city council, its subcommittees and its 16 local advisory councils work, simply have a chat with the staff of the Office of the City Council.

You'll find them in the foyer in front of the plenary hall on the 3rd floor of Römer City Hall.

See and listen

A special instructive **video on the work of Frankfurt's city council** will be playing in the plenary hall on the 3rd floor of Römer City Hall. It serves to highlight the tasks of the city's parliamentary committees while also explaining the many tasks and duties associated with communal politics in general.

Special exhibition: "Destruction of the Old Town and the Home Front during World War II".

A slide presentation in the plenary hall of Römer City Hall offers a short version of an exhibition entitled HEIMAT/FRONT ("Home Front"), on show at the Institute of City History. It provides startling insights into events that are today unknown to all but a very few.

Precise times will be signposted in front of the plenary hall on the 3rd floor of Römer City Hall.

Historical Frankfurt, a young Jewish pianist, times of joy and grief: **Dieter David Seuthe** will be reading from his novel, "**Frankfurt verboten**" ("Frankfurt forbidden"), on Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 pm, respectively. The readings will be taking place in **the visitors' café on the 4th floor of Römer City Hall.**

Inform yourself on the projects and plans of Frankfurt's municipal departments, authorities and institutions

What does the work of the city's intercultural health programme activists entail? How can I take part in a visit to one of Frankfurt's twin cities? How does one promote an active neighbourhood in a city that is home to people from all across the globe? Is it possible to rediscover Frankfurt as a local? Answers to all sorts of questions await you in Römerhalle and Schwanenhalle. Here, the city's departments, bureaus and institutions will be presenting their plans and projects. It is also here that you'll be able to find out how to help shape the future of Frankfurt.

Ground Floor, Römer City Hall.

Create your own flag

Ethiopia? Japan? Portugal? Or Frankfurt? Where are you from, originally? A gigantic map lets you mark where you come from and where in Frankfurt you live today.

Give your fantasy free rein, design your own flag and take part in casual conversations with local politicians. Together, these fantasy flags form an image as colourful and diversified as Frankfurt itself.

You'll find all the necessary tools at the special flag workshop, situated in the foyer next to Emperors' Hall ("Kaisersaal"). The event will be taking place on Saturday from 11:15 am until 4:15 pm and Sunday from 12:15 pm until 5:15 pm.

Interesting prizes will be waiting for all flag designers.

Enjoy a picnic with politicians

Issues that Frankfurt locals are talking about and tasty treats from all around the world - that's what local politicians, councillors and other municipal representatives will have in their picnic baskets, ready to share with you while finding out what you think about housing, education, traffic and many other topics of interest. For details, simply visit www.einblick-ins-rathaus.de.

The picnic will be taking place on Saturday from 12:15 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:15 am to 4:00 pm at Limpurssaal on the 2nd floor of Römer City Hall.

Take part in the "Römer Rally"

During our open-house event, you will have the choice of getting to know Römer City Hall either through a guided tour or, alternatively, by way of a special rally. Teams made up of members of the general public and representatives of municipal departments and committees will be heading off on an entertaining paper chase, answering questions on Römer City Hall at various locations. A total of four teams will be taking part, with the winner being the team to answer all of the questions correctly in the fastest time. The finish line is the podium in the Ratskeller.

The rally will be taking place on Saturday from 1:15 pm to 4:45 pm and Sunday from 12:15 pm to 3:45 pm. For further details and information on how to register, please visit the information booth in the foyer on the ground floor of Römer City Hall. Tickets for guided tours are also available here.

Take a break

Frankfurt on a plate - featuring various local specialities including green sauce, handkäs' and frankfurters - is available in the Ratskeller and the Kapellchen on the ground floor. Coffee, cakes and pies are also available here.

The kitchen is open from 11:30 am until 4:30 pm.



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