

Press release from the “2 Musées De La Ville De Luxembourg”

New permanent exhibition at the Lëtzebuerg City Museum

The Luxembourg Story. More than 1000 years of urban history

Lëtzebuerg City Museum will be the new name for the City History Museum from 5th May 2017. Its centrepiece will be the completely reorganised permanent exhibition called “The Luxembourg Story”. Luxembourg City’s turbulent history since the 10th century will be told over 2,200m² of space on three floors. There will also be an area dedicated to the current urban landscape.

The exhibition will be divided into four chronologically ordered periods, describing 17 themes that will highlight the most important characteristics of each era.

The aim is to give local and international visitors a concise picture of the City’s history, supported with objects, films, photos, and multimedia applications. The Luxembourg Story will give non-residents and new arrivals a basic insight, while those with a good grounding in the facts can explore the City’s past and present in detail. This will also be a valuable resource for teachers, with special support to be provided for school groups.

This revamp comes ten years after the last reorganisation. It is needed due to enrichment of the museum’s collection, and to take account of recent changes in the City. The “Future Perspectives” section near the museum entrance will be dedicated to the current urban landscape. A large 3D model and an interactive table will enable visitors to understand in detail the current town planning challenges faced by national and local decision makers.

This reworking was masterminded by the Munich-based architects Tido Brussig Szenerien. They have taken a fresh look at the way objects are presented, with a new variable colour-coded panelling system helping to better highlight different themes.

The Luxembourg Story will feature many objects which had not previously been on display, and interactive tools to help visitors deepen their understanding of how we used to live. For example, models of the urban landscape at key points in Luxembourg’s history will be brought to life with new multimedia tools.

Signposting has also been reworked, making it easier for visitors to find their way around the permanent and temporary exhibitions.