

# Press Release

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## **Museums and exhibitions at the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage will reopen**

The Ruhr Museum and the exhibition "SURVIVORS. Faces of Life after the Holocaust" will be visitable as from 7th May

Essen. After a shutdown for seven weeks, the permanent exhibition of the Ruhr Museum, the special exhibition "Mensch und Tier im Revier" (humans and animals in the Ruhr District) and the special exhibition "SURVIVORS. Faces of Life after the Holocaust" at the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage will reopen. Also the Red Dot Design Museum will welcome visitors again. However, neither the guided tours in the context of these exhibitions nor those along the Monument Path on the areas of the Coal Mine and the Coking Plant will take place for the time being. The first gastronomic businesses will also restart with kiosk sales or outdoor sales, among them the bistro "Schacht XII", the café "die kokerei" and the café "Kohlenwäsche". Until the summer holidays, there will be no further events, however. The Portal of Industrial Heritage will preliminarily remain closed, and also visiting the panorama terrace on the roof of the coal washing plant is currently not possible.

## **Strict compliance with the hygiene rules and codes of conduct**

The Zollverein Foundation attentively observes the development of the corona pandemic and keeps close contact with all responsible authorities. "At the present moment, we are therefore cautiously optimistic about making first offerings accessible for visitors again, such as the permanent exhibition of the Ruhr Museum in the coal washing plant and the exhibition 'SURVIVORS. Faces of Life after the Holocaust' showing photographs of Martin Schoeller in the mixing plant of the coking facility - naturally in strict compliance with all hygiene rules and codes of conduct.", says Professor Heinrich Theodor Grütter, Board Member of the Zollverein Foundation and Director of the Ruhr Museum.

For the exhibition business, a hygiene plan has been set up, which amongst others includes a limitation of visitors and an optimized guidance. Up to 400 people at once are allowed to attend the permanent exhibition of the Ruhr Museum on the four levels of the coal washing plant. Both for guests and for the staff, wearing face masks will be obligatory, the wardrobe will remain closed, and also the lending of audioguides and auxiliary materials, such as museum bags, will be abstained from. "We have used the past weeks to digitalize the visitor center on the 24 metre level in the coal washing plant", Grütter further explains. "With immediate effect, visitors can get

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information about the current offerings in this special situation and about many more things from a digital display panel." Also the bookshop Walther König on the 24 metre level will be reopened. The café in the coal washing plant will offer kiosk sales, consuming food and drinks will however only be permitted outside the building.

"We find it difficult to estimate the prospective numbers of visitors", says Grütter, "but especially in these times, we would like to provide cultural offerings to the public, and we hope that long queuing can be avoided." Visitors are therefore asked to purchase tickets for the Ruhr Museum preferably in advance, via the online shop under [ruhrmuseum.ticketfritz.de/](http://ruhrmuseum.ticketfritz.de/). The permanent exhibition of the Ruhr Museum in the coal washing plant will be opened daily from 10.00 until 18.00, just as the special exhibition "Mensch und Tier im Revier" (humans and animals in the Ruhr District, until 16th August 2020)

Until 26th July, the special exhibition "SURVIVORS. Faces of Life after the Holocaust" in the mixing plant of the coking facility will be opened daily from 11.00 until 17.00, information under [www.zollverein.de/survivors/](http://www.zollverein.de/survivors/)

### **Event dates in 2020 at the Zollverein World Heritage**

Due to the Corona pandemic, many events have been cancelled or postponed. These are the dates at a glance:

#### **The following events must unfortunately be cancelled:**

17.05.2020	VIVAWEST marathon
24.05.2020	Sonntalk #halbzöwlf - half past eleven
14.06.2020	Hexe Kleinlaut - children's concert
27.06.2020	Extraschicht - Extra Shift
28.06.-16.08.2020	Werksschwimmbad - Zollverein swimming pool
02.07.-06.08.2020	Open Air-Kino - open air cinema
02.08.2020	Arschbomben-Contest - ass-bomb contest

#### **For the following events, new dates have been fixed:**

Exhibition "100 Jahre Ruhrgebiet. Die andere Metropole"- 100 years of Ruhr Area. The other kind of metropolis (September 2020)

Exhibition "Kindheit im Ruhrgebiet" - childhood in the Ruhr Area (September 2020)

"JazzNacht" - Jazz night (2021)

"Klavierfestival Ruhr" - Ruhr piano festival (2021)

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