

In September 2005, Nuremberg Municipal Museums presented a proposal, worked out with the Upper Regional Court and the State Office for Structural Engineering, to the Board of Trustees of the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds. The Board of Trustees unanimously welcomed this project. In October 2005, it requested that the Federal Republic of Germany, the Free State of Bavaria and the City of Nuremberg should promote the implementation of the project. A first feasibility study estimated the cost of the projected memorial at four million Euros. In July 2007, the Federal Republic and the Free State of Bavaria, undertook to share the building cost, and finance for the project was secured.

The City of Nuremberg will fund the creation of the permanent exhibition and bear the running costs. After establishing the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds, the inauguration of the Way of Human Rights and the presentation of the International Human Rights Award, the City thus opens a further chapter in dealing with its National Socialist past.

Plans For a New Memorial Site

The new permanent exhibition on the attic floor of the east wing of the Palace of Justice is scheduled to open in 2010. The attic floor is currently empty. After conversion, it will provide about 700 square metres of exhibition space for the Memorial. Necessary refurbishment work will presumably start in July 2008.

Apart from the permanent exhibition, ticket offices, information areas, a cloakroom and sufficient toilet facilities must be provided. Where the visitors' gallery to Court Room 600 (erected for the duration of the Nuremberg Trials) used to be, there will be glazed openings in the wall permitting a view of the court room's interior, even when trials are in progress. A lift will be installed to assure barrier-free access both to the exhibition rooms in the attic and to Court Room 600 on the second floor. Outside the building, a new ramp will be provided so that disabled visitors can enter the Palace of Justice. The court room will not be restored to its state during the Nuremberg Trials.

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