



Deutscher Bundestag

Getting to know the Bundestag: The parliament's stand at consumer fairs





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The German Bundestag is represented at consumer fairs throughout Germany with a specially designed stand. Fairs such as these offer an ideal platform for an exchange of information, and give the Bundestag the opportunity to inform a broad public about its role, ways of working and about parliamentary activities. Visitors can pick up a range of information material free of charge, experience a host of multimedia services and engage in dialogue on democracy and parliamentarianism.

Meetings and information at the stand

Meet Members of the German Bundestag

Freelance staff from the Bundestag are available for talks and discussions at the stand. Visitors also have the opportunity to speak with Members of the Bundestag, raise particular political concerns and find out information. The consultation hours of the Members attending the respective fair are displayed at the stand.

Petitions Committee public consultation

The Petitions Committee also comes directly to the public at selected fairs. Petitions are requests or complaints which citizens can address directly to Parliament. Petitions also offer the opportunity to play an active role in shaping politics. At the stand, petitions can be discussed directly with the parliamentarians from the Petitions Committee. General advice is also provided, with visitors informed that petitions can be submitted via an online form and that they can have matters of general interest published on the Petitions Committee's internet portal, where petitions can also be signed.



Members memory game, plenary chamber hotspot app and multi-touch table

The stand features a range of state-of-the-art multimedia services. At a large computer terminal, known as the multi-touch table, visitors can test their parliamentary knowledge in a quiz. A hotspot app provides information on the important individuals, offices and functions of parliamentary life as well as the seating arrangements in the plenary chamber. Also at the table, in a memory game with

Multimedia

various levels of difficulty visitors can learn a great deal about the parliamentary committees: who is the President of the Bundestag and who are the members of the Presidium? What are the names of the chairpersons of the four parliamentary groups represented in the Bundestag: CDU/CSU, SPD, The Left Party and Alliance 90/The Greens? Visitors can also get to know the chairpersons of the permanent committees. At additional terminals, guests can watch films on a day in the lives of the Members, or browse the full range of web services from the Bundestag at www.bundestag.de.

Green-screen photo booth

Giving a speech in the plenary chamber, standing in front of the Reichstag building in Berlin or visiting the Reichstag dome: these places may seem far away, but visitors can have photos created of themselves against these backdrops at the stand. The photo can then be sent via the large multi-touch table to the visitors themselves or their family and friends via email.



Competitions

At each fair, visitors can take part in a competition. Whoever solves the puzzle can win a trip to Berlin for two people and experience the Bundestag in person. This interesting prize also includes a visit to the plenary chamber, allowing the winners to experience a Bundestag debate from the public gallery. Trips to the Reichstag Dome and the German Cathedral are also on the agenda. What's more, all those who enter the competition are also included in a draw for a surprise parcel.

Get involved

Children's activities

Children are kept entertained at the stand too, thanks to comic figure Karlchen Adler and his friends. Children can test their memories with the Karlchen Adler memory game or take part in a children's quiz on issues connected with the Bundestag using the multi-touch table or a special children's computer.

Alternatively, young visitors can surf the German Bundestag's website for children. Internet portal www.kuppelkucker.de invites children to take a virtual tour of the Reichstag Building and explains how Parliament works in a child-friendly way. A talking Karlchen Adler leads

younger online visitors, together with friends Lisa and Max, from the famous Reichstag dome to the plenary chamber, to a Member's office and then on to a meeting room. Users can click on a dictionary to learn all about a host of parliamentary terms in German from A to Z.

Children also have the chance to take part in a competition. If they are lucky, they can win a great prize, which is sent to them at home.



The stand provides school pupils and teachers with a worthwhile opportunity to find out just how much they know about Parliament and to build on this, ensuring that they are democracy savvy. The stand allows them to gain an interesting insight into the work of the German Bundestag, for example via graphics boards with compact, easy to understand information.

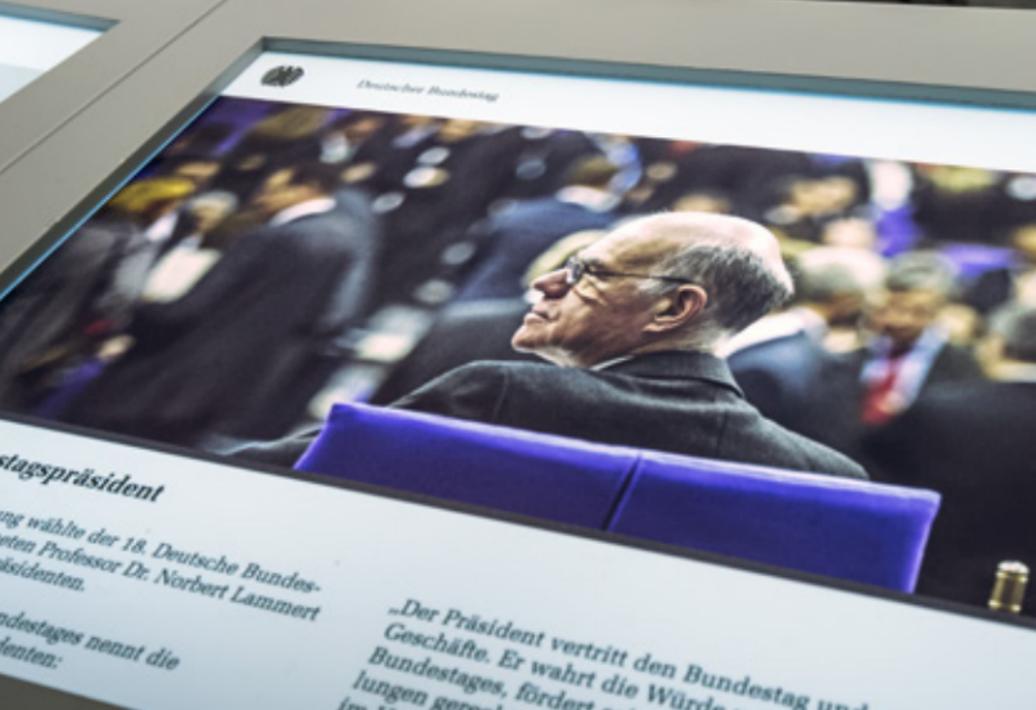
A range of info-packed publications on democracy and parliamentarianism are also available at the stand. They summarise the most important facts and help pupils and teachers get to grips with the material quickly and review what has been learned – ensuring every pupil can become a parliamentary expert!

Services for schools and teachers

Local school classes are invited to register to visit the stand. Young visitors listen to talks given by freelance staff, whilst sitting on chairs in the same “Reichstag blue” colour as the chairs used by the Members of the Bundestag in the plenary chamber. Here they can learn more about the role of Parliament and how it works. Entertaining child-friendly presentations and discussions bring children and young people closer to parliamentary life. Members are often available for talks with school pupils. Freelance staff are happy to advise teachers with lesson planning on parliament-related topics.

Those who want to find out more can explore the Bundestag’s wide range of information services for teachers, children and young people and order material online: at www.bundestag.de under “Visit the Bundestag” and “Service”. A trove of youth-oriented information is also available in German at the Bundestag’s websites for children and young people: www.kuppelkucker.de and www.mitmischen.de.





Find out when the German Bundestag's consumer fair is coming to a location near you this year on the Bundestag's website, www.bundestag.de, under "Besuchen Sie uns", "Bundestag in Ihrer Nähe", "Messen" (information in German only). There, you'll find more information about how to contact the Bundestag's Public Relations Division. You can also learn how to register for talks, for example. Spontaneous visits to the stand are also welcome, however. Please consult the opening times of the respective fair, as stand visiting times reflect these.

Dates and registration

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