

## LEARNING PROGRAMME

**Built environment education in the museum and the city**  
Supported by the Beisheim Foundation

As part of the exhibition <Groundwork> (9 May - 30 August 2026), S AM Swiss Architecture Museum offers a diverse learning programme for kindergartens, schools, higher education institutions, organisations and after-school care groups. The programme includes dialogic tours, interactive workshops and tandem tours in collaboration with Kunsthalle Basel. All formats can also be booked outside regular opening hours - offering an exclusive museum experience in a calm atmosphere. In addition, guided tours on foot or "by bike" invite participants to actively explore the urban environment.

## IN THE MUSEUM

**Discover & Reflect - interactive formats for the exhibition <Groundwork>**

How is architecture created today - and who shapes it? The exhibition <Groundwork> explores these questions. Films, documents and materials provide insight into different working methods and present architecture as an open process shaped by social and ecological conditions. The learning formats focus on key aspects of the exhibition and serve as a starting point for shared exploration. Observation, questioning and the development of personal ideas are at the core.

### Dialogic format (60 minutes)

The exhibition is explored together: observations are shared and developed through discussion. For younger children, the focus is on direct experience. Individual impressions are taken up and translated into their own ideas about space, building and living together.

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Booking:** Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm | 1pm-5pm

**Target group:** Kindergarten to upper secondary level, higher education, after-school care

**Fees:**

- Public schools & upper secondary: free of charge
- Higher education / international schools: CHF 200

**Lehrplan 21:** NMG.7, NMG.8 (ESD)

### Workshop (120 minutes)

The workshop deepens the content and translates it into participants' own practice. Starting from the exhibition, the surrounding area (e.g. Theaterplatz) is explored, and ideas for possible changes are developed. Observations are recorded through sketches or notes, creating a personal approach to architecture as a process.

**Duration:** 120 minutes

**Booking:** Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm | 1pm-5pm

**Target group:** Kindergarten to upper secondary level, higher education, after-school care

**Fees:**

- Public schools & upper secondary: free of charge
- Higher education / international education: CHF 200

**Lehrplan 21:** NMG.7, NMG.8 (ESD)

## Culture under one roof

### Tandem tours: S AM & Kunsthalle Basel (90 - 120 minutes)

S AM and Kunsthalle Basel share not only a building, but also a strong interest in contemporary social issues. This joint tour brings together contemporary art and architecture, highlighting connections, differences and their relevance to society.

**Duration:** 90-120 minutes

**Booking:** Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

**Target group:** Kindergarten to upper secondary level, higher education, after-school care

**Fees:**

- Public schools & upper secondary: free of charge

- Higher education / international schools: CHF 200

**Curriculum reference:** NMG.7, NMG.8 (ESD), BG.1.A

## IN THE URBAN SPACE

### Discovery tours

#### Tour 1: Art in public space

Art in public space is ever-present: visible, temporary and sometimes provocative. This tour offers new perspectives on familiar surroundings and sharpens awareness of interventions in the city.

#### Tour 2: Basel through time - A Discovery Tour with Sketching

Inspired by Lucius Burckhardt's concept of "strollology", this tour explores Basel's city centre through drawing. Materials: sketching tools, a base, a city map and optionally a camera.

#### Tour 3: Sustainable building - but how?

The Lysbüchel site was for a long time an area purely for commercial and industrial purposes and is now being transformed into a residential district. How can this be done sustainably? We will explore the site and examine different approaches to sustainable construction.

#### Tour 4: Erlenmatt Ost - new forms of living together

How does a new neighbourhood emerge? This tour provides insight into contemporary housing models and new forms of co-living.

**Applies to all tours:**

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Booking:** Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm | 1pm-5pm

**Target group:** Kindergarten to upper secondary level, higher education, after-school care

**Fees:**

- Public schools & upper secondary: free of charge

- Higher education / international schools: CHF 200

### Bike tours

#### Upper secondary & higher education

Explore architecture in the urban environment by bike.

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Booking:** Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm | 1pm-5pm

## **Introduction for teachers (in German)**

Introduction to the exhibition <Groundwork> and the learning programme with Olivia Jenni.

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 5.00–6.00 pm

**Free of charge**

## **Independent visit**

For an independent visit with your class during regular opening hours, we ask for timely registration.

### **Admission:**

- Under 18: free of charge
- Groups of 10 or more: CHF 8 per person

### **Contact**

For bookings and enquiries:

Olivia Jenni, Head of Education,

Tel. +41 (0)61 261 14 13,

[oj@sam-basel.org](mailto:oj@sam-basel.org)

Further information can be found at [www.sam-basel.org](http://www.sam-basel.org).

**S**

**AM**

**SCHWEIZERISCHES ARCHITEKTUR-  
MUSEUM /  
SWISS ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM  
STEINENBERG 7 P.O. BOX 911  
CH - 4001 BASEL**

**INFO@SAM-BASEL.ORG  
WWW.SAM-BASEL.ORG  
T:+ 41(0)61 261 14 13  
F:+ 41(0)61 261 14 28**