

Accessibility Concept

Ready to be Soft Battle 2026

Information regarding the 2026 edition of the event is continuously updated. For on-site needs, suggestions for improvement, or information about existing barriers, please contact:

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General Information

The **Ready to be Soft Battle** takes place at **Hannover City Hall** (Platz der Menschenrechte 1, 30159 Hannover) from **1:00 PM to 7:00 PM**.

The detailed schedule will be shared via the **Brujas Collective Instagram channel** and will also be displayed on-site during the event.

The audience area can be entered and exited freely throughout the entire event. Sounds, reactions, and movements from the audience are explicitly welcome.

Designated areas within the City Hall are available as **quiet and retreat spaces**. These areas include bean bags, options to lie down, and fidget toys.

Wheelchair-accessible spaces and step-free seating options are available. In addition, there is a limited number of bean bags and standard chairs.

Accessible toilets are available.

Accessible parking spaces are located in front of the City Hall.

There are **no lockers or cloakrooms for audience members**.

A separate room with wardrobe facilities is available for participants.

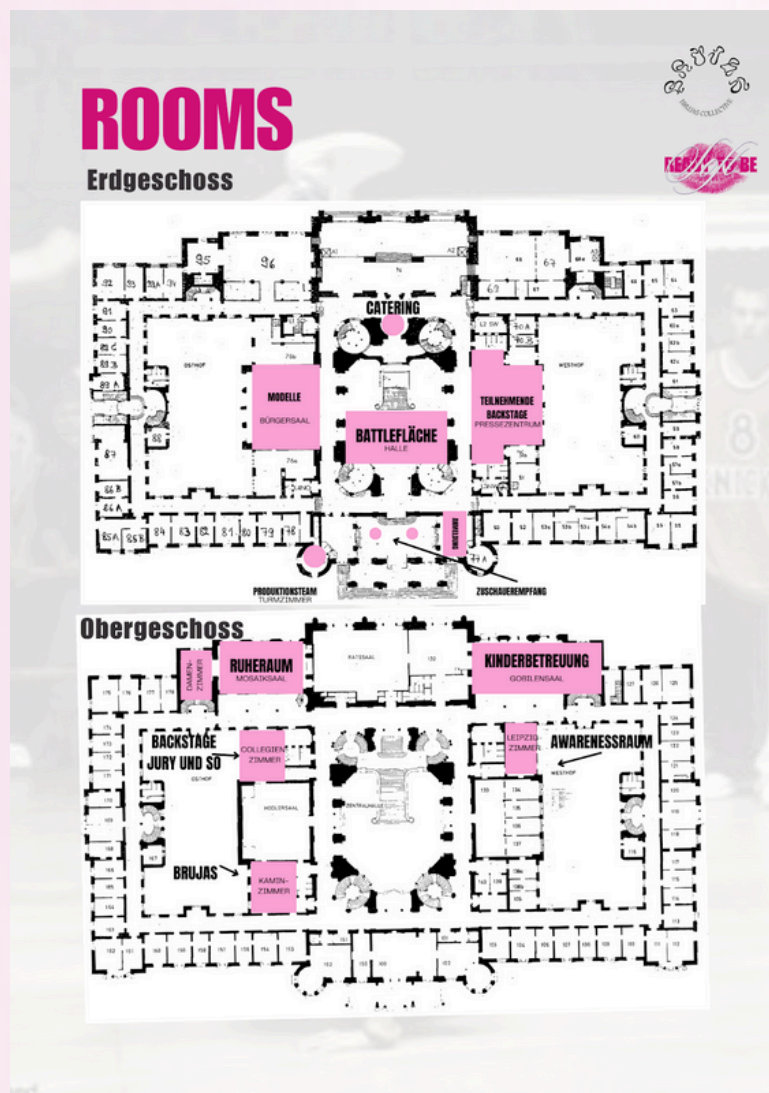
Floor Plan & Accessibility on the Event Day

The floor plan illustrates how the different areas will be used on the day of the event and provides an overview of the spatial structure of the battle. The plan will be continuously updated.

The final version will include clearly marked:

- accessible toilets
- seating areas for people with accessibility needs
- designated spaces for assistance dogs
- a clearly defined meeting point for **accessibility needs**

Unfortunately, pick-up from train or public transport stations cannot be offered. Accessibility support begins at the City Hall and applies within the event venue.



Early Boarding

Early Boarding refers to **early access to the audience area**.

This offer is aimed at all visitors—especially people with visible or invisible disabilities—who prefer a calm, low-stress arrival and would like to choose a seat according to their needs.

Start time: 20 minutes before the battle begins, at **12:40 PM**.

Audio Description

As part of our inclusive measures, we offer **audio description** for blind and visually impaired people.

Audio description provides spoken descriptions of what is happening on stage. At the Ready to be Soft Battle, we are testing a new method:

Tandems are formed consisting of one sighted and one visually impaired person. The sighted person quietly describes the stage action in a whisper and additionally traces tempo, direction, and dynamics of the movements onto the palm of the visually impaired person.

This approach translates the intensity, speed, atmosphere of the battle rounds, and the shared community feeling into an accessible, embodied experience.

Throughout the event, movements, gestures, facial expressions, stage design, costumes, and props are described.

Assistance dogs are, of course, welcome.

Sensory Stimuli

The battle is a high-energy dance event with changing music styles as well as lighting and sound elements.

Please be aware:

- **There may be loud music, vibrating bass, and sudden changes in sound.**
- Some areas may experience high crowd density and strong visual stimuli.

Designated quiet areas are available for visitors who need sensory breaks.

Support & Orientation

Our team and trained volunteers (“Access Friends”) are on-site and happy to assist with entry, orientation, or individual concerns.

Access information is located directly at the registration area. This space serves as the central meeting point for support, questions, and individual accessibility needs for both audience members and participants.

On the event day, **two designated accessibility coordinators** will be present. They can be identified by vests labeled **“ACCESS”** and are additionally reachable by phone.

At the information desk, **hearing protection, earplugs, sunglasses, and a venue map** are available if needed.

Awareness

An **Awareness Team** will be present throughout the entire event.

Team members are trained to support visitors in uncomfortable or overwhelming situations and to help ensure a safe, respectful environment.

They can be recognized by **pink T-shirts and illuminated armbands** and can be approached at any time.

Boundary-crossing or discriminatory behavior will not be tolerated.

No alcohol will be served anywhere at the event in order to create a mindful, inclusive, and safe space for everyone.

Childcare

Free childcare will be available during the battle for parents and caregivers.

Children can play creatively and will be supervised by experienced caregivers.