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Focus Wiesbaden: *Open – Design Week 2026* Program from WerkRaum to Design Walk

With Wiesbaden, *Open – Design Week Frankfurt RheinMain* welcomes a city with a distinctive architectural character and a vibrant culture and design scene. Amidst grand Wilhelminian-era architecture, renowned agencies, cultural institutions and a diverse creative community, there will be spaces for exchange, design and new forms of collaboration. As the capital of Hesse, Wiesbaden combines cultural heritage with contemporary design approaches and develops new perspectives for shared urban spaces, creative production and social participation. With RheinMain University of Applied Sciences, Wiesbaden also boasts a key centre for design education in the region. As part of *Open – Design Week 2026*, the city will bring a particular focus on craftsmanship, social participation and creative urban development to the Frankfurt RheinMain region. On 12 June 2026, as part of the Focus Day, Wiesbaden will take centre stage within the *Open* program.

With WerkRaum Wiesbaden in the former and most recently vacant SportScheck building, the city is hosting its own themed space for the *Open – Design Week* – the “Future Community Space”. The focus here is on collaborative processes, inclusion and the intersection of design, craftsmanship and social innovation. The events in Wiesbaden are an invitation for visitors to experience the city as an open space for design and to meet creative practitioners from a variety of fields.

‘The WerkRaum in Wiesbaden, like all other WDC projects, demonstrates what is possible when we rethink the city: not simply as built space, but as a collaborative project. As something we shape together. Design connects. It creates spaces for dialogue. And it makes social development visible. That is why projects within the framework of the WDC are of such great importance’, says Gert-Uwe Mende, Lord Mayor of the state capital Wiesbaden.

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Highlights in Wiesbaden

On 12 June, to mark the Focus Day in Wiesbaden, *Open* will invite visitors to a Design Walk, offering the opportunity to discover the city's studios, agencies and creative venues and experience design first-hand. The opening, led by WDC 2026 managing director Carolina Romahn, will take place at 9.30 am at the IHK Wiesbaden's *Bildungspunkt*, with the closing event at 7.30 pm at Motel One on Kaiser-Friedrich-Ring. Participating organisations include Studio *BOMBER* from Hofheim-Diedenbergen, whose work combines graphic design, spatial design and urban interventions through performative and experimental approaches. On the same evening, the *Inclusion Hub (i.hub)* will take place in the "Future Community Space" at WerkRaum Wiesbaden. The event will explore how design can forge new links between social participation, affordable housing and community life in the neighbourhood.



Open Doors on Wiesbaden Focus Day, 12 June 2026:

3Deluxe, BOMBER, cicero, fotostudio 9, freyhauer, Fuenfwerken, hesh., Kraft & Adel, Lekkerwerken, Michael Eibes Design, Scholz & Volkmer, Studio für nachhaltiges Design, VANDERLICHT, whywedo

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