As the onetime ‘capital of the movement’ Munich is connected to the rise of National Socialism like no other city. With the NS-Dokumentationszentrum opened in May 2015 Munich now has a central place of learning and remembrance for critically discussing the city’s Nazi past and the ramifications of the dictatorship. Accessible and lively, the documentation centre is at once a place of information and discussion. The guiding themes of the permanent exhibition include “Exclusion and Persecution”, “Why Munich?” and “What has this got to do with me?”.

The permanent exhibition’s contents are arranged into 33 guiding themes (vertical illuminated frames) and 95 assigned panels that provide in-depth information (horizontal panels).

The NS-Dokumentationszentrum features
- The permanent exhibition “Munich and National Socialism”
- Special temporary exhibitions
- Learning centre
- Education services
- A wide array of special events
- Smartphone app “Orte Erinnern”
- Media guides
- Exhibition catalogue (german/english)
- Brief guide (in eight languages)
- Bookshop (the Centre’s own publications, a selection of literature on National Socialism)
- Cafeteria
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Basic tour (ca. 1.5 hours)
Follow the vertical illuminated frames with the large photos and information texts. By following only these frames the tour gives a concentrated version of all the exhibition themes. Film projections provide additional information.

In-depth tour (ca. 3 to 4 hours)
Follow the vertical illuminated frames. To delve further into a respective theme you can consult the numbered horizontal information panels. The learning centre on the first basement level provides you with the opportunity to again view the whole documentation digitally on computer stations, while a databank enables further research on Nazi history.

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Education services
Two seminar rooms adjoin the learning centre. Our education services also include guided tours through the permanent exhibition, discussion rounds with contemporary witnesses, special programmes for school classes and much more.

Events
The large auditorium on the second basement level hosts lectures, conferences, concerts and film screenings.

Media
Media guides in eight languages, particularly for children, teenagers, in “simple language” or devoted to specific themes are available free of charge from the reception counter. The GPS-based smartphone app “Orte Erinnern” can be downloaded for free from app providers. This app is a guide to 119 locations in and around Munich relevant to the history of the Nazi period, providing users with visual material, additional information and audio and video sequences.