

Historical Overview

The Verbum-Casa das Palabras (House of Words) was born in April 2003, based on a conceptual design by writer Xosé Cermeño, in the building designed by the architect César Portela, and is set in extensive green spaces alongside the promenade and Samil beach. The centre is structured around a great light box through which the sunlight shines on the different indoor spaces during the day. Since its opening, the Verbum has become a point of reference for activities and temporary exhibitions in which the world of communication is contemplated from a perspective of scientific and humanistic culture, hence breaking the traditional concept of museum, which focuses on one field of knowledge or another. At the Casa das Palabras (House of Words), the word travelled through the air to connect students from educational centres in Spain and Portugal with the astronaut Pedro Duque, in an activity organised in conjunction with the European Space Agency, 'Habla la ISS' ('The ISS Speaking') in 2003. Some of the noteworthy temporary exhibitions over these years include 'Scriptorium Verbumiense' (2008-2009), recreation of the process of drafting a codex; 'Vigo Cidade Babel-O Verbum da Diversidade Lingüística' ('Vigo City of Babel-the Verbum of Linguistic Diversity'), and 'Galicia nas Ondas' ('Galicia on the Waves'), a review of the history of radio in Galicia.

The goals of the Casa das Palabras are essentially didactic and ludic, two concepts that must be interrelated in order to be fulfilled.



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Tuesday to Friday: 5 pm to 8 pm.
Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays: Midday to 2 pm. Closed: On Mondays.

Entrance Fee: Free.

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VERBUM
Casa das Palabras

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Verbum Casa das Palabras

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DE VIGO

Visit and Entrance Conditions:

- Visitors are requested to follow staff instructions at all times.
- Entry to the rooms will be restricted 10 minutes prior to closing.
- Refundable lockers are available at the entrance to leave clothing, bags, etc. along with an umbrella stand.
- The building has lifts and toilets adapted for use by persons with reduced mobility.
- The following is not allowed:
 - Entry of animals except guide dogs for the blind.
 - Entry into the building with food and/or drink.
 - Taking photos and videos inside the building, unless authorisation is requested in writing and obtained prior to the visit.

ENGLISH

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VERBUM
CASA DAS PALABRAS
HOUSE OF WORDS

Verbum is an interactive museum and cultural space related to all human communication through the different aspects that define it: science, technology, language and communication and literature. It is located on the sea front opposite Samil beach.



The Permanent Exhibition

The Permanent Exhibition is the central component of Verbum. It is based on 29 wooden cubes placed randomly around the room, as if dices had been thrown. Each cube is identified by a letter and the whole set covers all aspects related to words in the broadest sense: from the physiology of communication (mouth, vocalisation, hearing, how we speak and how we listen) to the media. During the tour, visitors will be able to discover the history and different types of communication, the origins and evolution of writing, the world of words and languages, word games (palindromes, tongue twisters), the history of books, etc.



The Temporary Exhibition Room

The Temporary Exhibition Room is located on the ground floor of the building. It houses exhibitions organised by the museum and others in conjunction with different cultural agents, all of which are related to the different aspects of communication.

Function Room

With capacity to seat 180 people, it has sound equipment, a video projector and other technological resources.

Seminar Room

With capacity for 40 people.

Other Services

Sale of publications, café and free parking for cars and coaches and reserved spaces for disabled vehicles.

