Dresden is(s)t bunt – A Banquet for Everyone

Key Information and Guidelines for the Event

Travel, Set-up and Dismantling:

- **Getting there:** We recommend travelling to the Gastmahl by **public transport or bicycle** wherever possible. The Neumarkt is very well served by public transport.
- **Deliveries by car:** If you need to deliver materials by car, access is only possible between **2.30 pm and 3.45 pm**. Please approach via **Terrassenufer → Brühlsche Gasse → Augustusstraße** towards the Neumarkt.
- **Important:** Vehicles are **not permitted to drive onto the Neumarkt itself**. You may stop briefly to unload near **Jüdenhof**. Please unload your materials promptly. It is not possible to drive directly to your table.
- **Transport to your table:** As materials need to be transported from the unloading area at Jüdenhof to your table, we recommend bringing a suitable **trolley, handcart or similar means of transport** if required.
- **Leaving the area:** After unloading, please leave via the same route: **Augustusstraße → Brühlsche Gasse → Terrassenufer**.
- **Police barriers:** From **3.45 pm**, all access routes to the Neumarkt will be secured with **police barriers**. All vehicles must have left the event area by this time.
- **Parking:** If you are travelling by car, please use the **public car parks and parking facilities around the Neumarkt**. No free or reserved parking spaces are available for participants.
- **Set-up:** Tables will be available from **2.30 pm**, and you can then begin setting up your table.
- **Dismantling:** The Gastmahl ends at **8.00 pm**. Afterwards, please pack up promptly and leave your table and the surrounding area clean and tidy.
- **Dismantling:** After the event ends at 8:00 pm, please pack up promptly to avoid disturbing local residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

Location

- Your **table location** will be available on the **event page** from **24 August 2026.**
- We have done our best to accommodate the preferences you indicated when registering.
- Your table will be labelled with your **name or logo**, making it easy to find.
- The **information points** and other important locations on the event site are also marked on the site plan.

Your Table

- **Design:** The tables measure approx. 2.20 × 0.50 metres. You are welcome to bring a tablecloth and decorate your table. Please do not use adhesive tape or drawing pins on the tables.
- **Waste:** Please minimise waste wherever possible and keep your table and the surrounding area clean. Rubbish bags are provided at the table groups; additional bags are available from the information tent. Waste containers provided by the municipal waste management service are available on the Neumarkt.
- **Sun protection:** Gazebos are not permitted. Parasols may be used at your own risk and must be secured safely using suitable weights. Fixing or anchoring anything into the ground is not permitted.
- **Keep access clear:** Please ensure that walkways, access points and neighbouring table areas remain clear at all times.
- **Toilets:** A toilet trailer and an accessible toilet are available free of charge. Their locations are marked on the site plan.

Your Culinary Contribution

The Gastmahl thrives on sharing – we look forward to seeing colorful tables with culinary delights!

- Please bring small bites and easy-to-share dishes.
- Remember to bring your own tableware, cutlery, napkins, and transport/serving solutions.
- **Knives:** Wherever possible, please bring cakes, bread, fruit and other food **already portioned**. If you need to use a knife on site, please use it **only briefly for cutting and return it safely to your bag immediately afterwards**. Knives must not be left on tables or otherwise be freely accessible.
- Drinks are welcome. Please collect deposit bottles and dispose of any disposable tableware responsibly.
- Tip: Place food on your table gradually rather than all at once – experience shows that shared food disappears quickly.
- Important: Open fire and grills are not permitted. Warm containers with fuel paste are allowed.
- Please note: Electricity and running water are not available at the tables.
- **Water Bar:** Thanks to SachsenEnergie, a free water bar will be set up at Neustädter Markt – please bring your own cups, mugs, or bottles to fill.

To ensure everyone can enjoy the communal table without concern, we kindly ask you to observe a few hygiene rules:

- **Cover dishes**: Please bring covers (e.g., foil, lids, or clean cloths) to protect food from dust and insects.
- **Choose suitable dishes:** Prefer foods that are fully cooked and safe to eat without continuous refrigeration (e.g., quiches, cakes, salads without mayonnaise, pastries, fruit).
- **Avoid food requiring refrigeration:** Products such as raw meat, fresh cream cakes, desserts with raw eggs, or sensitive dairy products are not suitable for this type of event.

Programme

- **4.00 pm – The Gastmahl begins:** The Gastmahl deliberately starts **without a formal opening or official launch**. From 4.00 pm onwards, sharing food, conversations and encounters will unfold naturally at the tables and across the Neumarkt.
- **6.00 pm – Interfaith service and prayer for peace:** At 6.00 pm, the bells of the Frauenkirche will ring. This will be followed by an **interfaith service and prayer for peace**, organised together with the Stiftung Frauenkirche Dresden at **Entrance C of the Frauenkirche**, with representatives of different faith communities taking part.
- **Until 8.00 pm – The Gastmahl continues:** Shared food, conversations and activities at the tables will continue until the event ends at 8.00 pm.

  Take your time, explore something new and enjoy the diversity of the event. It is your colourful contributions that make our Gastmahl so special – **thank you very much for being part of it.**

Communication & Documentation

We will communicate the spirit of the Gastmahl both before and during the event. We would be delighted if you also shared these simple principles in your own communications:

- We share through encounters.
- We eat and drink together in community.
- There is no “takeaway” food or coffee to go.
- We treat each other with respect.
- The event runs from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and all tables should be attended throughout this time.

You can download the digital flyer, poster and social media materials from our **Communication Kit**.

We will be promoting the Gastmahl extensively on social media and would be delighted if you shared and promoted the event through your own channels. Please feel free to use the hashtag **#gastmahl4all.**

This year, **107 cultural partners and 98 sponsors** are taking part in the event, joining together to send a strong message in support of diversity and an inclusive Dresden.

You are part of it – please feel free to share this message!

A team of photographers will document the Gastmahl. We will make the material available to you after the event.

Our Team

Our **volunteer communication teams and event stewards** will be present throughout the event site and at the information points. You can recognise them by their T-shirts bearing the **"Gastmahl" logo** or by their steward armbands.

If you have any questions, encounter a problem or need assistance in an unexpected situation, please speak to our team at any time – we will be happy to help.

In urgent cases, please contact:

Event Coordination
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If you have any questions beforehand or need to clarify anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.