



Exhibition to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Human Rights Building

The year 2025 marks two major anniversaries for the European Court of Human Rights: the 30th anniversary of the Human Rights Building and the 75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights.

On 1 July 2025, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Human Rights Building, the Court hosted an exhibition opening, which was attended by many important figures, including Ivan Harbour, Senior Design Director at [RSHP](#) and member of the building's original team of architects. He noted that "thirty years on, the European Court of Human Rights remains not only an architectural masterpiece, but also a powerful symbol of justice, transparency and unity. Designing this building was a privilege, an opportunity to give a material form to democratic values and to create a space that enhances the dignity of those it serves. Its sustainability is a testament to the resilience of the ideals it embodies".

At the event, Mattias Guyomar, President of the Court, gave a speech in which he remarked that "everything here, in this monument that is both raw and elegant, peaceful yet decided, serves as a reminder of the force of the law, its capacity to remedy conflicts, to restore justice by reinstating social peace and the dignity of the human person".

For her part, Marialena Tsirli, Registrar of the Court, recounted the institutional history of the Human Rights Building, adding that the celebration was an opportunity to honour the visionary work of Sir Richard Rogers, the architect of a building that "inspires all who pass through its doors, whether they come to defend the rights of others or to seek the protection of their own".

During the exhibition, guests viewed seven displays presenting the building's architecture and a series of photographs entitled "30 Years in 30 Photos" retracing the life of the building. Photos of the event and all the speeches given are available via this [link](#).

On 21 September 2025 the Court will host an "open day" on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Convention to allow visitors to discover its functioning, its role in the protection of fundamental rights and the Human Rights Building.

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