



WORK IN PROGRESS

BILBAO

COVID19

SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY BILBAO CITY

Part III

BILBAO CITY COUNCIL'S CULTURE DEPARTMENT

Cultural Agenda Online

Bilbao City Council's Culture Department through the #BilbaoEtxean #BilbaoEnCasa programme publishes on its website the Cultural Agenda Online, where citizens will find all the cultural initiatives that can be enjoyed online and that are offered by all public and private cultural agents in the city.

<http://bilbaokultura.eus/?lang=es>

Bilbao City Council's Network of Public Libraries

The Municipal Libraries of Bilbao are closed to the public during the state of alarm, nevertheless their activity is maintained and their digital services are available to the public.

In the library blog and in social media they publish news, dossiers, guides and recommendations for reading, cinema and music.

On the other hand, the Digital library of the City Council provides free access to thousands of digitised and organised documents: books, magazines, brochures, music scores, etc., all related to Bilbao.

The libraries of Bilbao have joined the initiative of the Basque Library Network whereby digital lending of books and films on a variety of subjects is boosted.

<https://blogbibliotekak.bilbao.eus/2020/04/12/las-bibliotecas-estan-cerradas-pero-mantienen-su-actividad/>

AZKUNA ZENTROA

Azkuna Zentroa - Alhóndiga Bilbao is Bilbao's Centre for Contemporary Society and Culture, with a local and international perspective and open to dialogue with the different community audiences. It is the place to experience culture as a practice, as a process, as a space for experiences. This centre connects society with contemporary culture, through six programme lines: Contemporary Art, Live Arts, Cinema and Audiovisual, Society, Digital Culture and Literature. They all dialogue with one another generating a hybrid, multiple and extensive programme adapted to contemporary daily life, with mediation and education as a way of generating critical knowledge and transforming society through art and artists.

In light of the COVID-19 crisis, Azkuna Zentroa, through the #AZETXEAN programme, has designed an open cultural offer through its online channels. The online proposals are updated weekly and are designed so that members of the public can continue to experience contemporary art, the performing arts, sound, film, audiovisuals, literature and digital culture. In short, to continue living and experiencing contemporary culture from home.

https://www.azkunazentroa.eus/az/ingl/activities/azetxean-1/al_evento_fa

BILBAOARTE

BilbaoArte is an artistic production centre, dependent on the Bilbao City Council Culture Area, which offers resident artists the resources and infrastructure they need to work on their projects.

BilbaoArte's main objective is to foster outstanding professionalism among artists by offering modern equipment and infrastructure. Its activities include:

- Scholarships for artistic projects.
- Courses, seminars and conferences in which creators of renowned international prestige participate.
- Young creator exhibitions and open days.
- Artist exchanges with other artistic centres in Spain and abroad.
- Artistic advice for developing institutional projects.

During the COVID-19 crisis, the centre is providing online access to a large number of resources: online exhibitions, image banks, multimedia resources, online conferences, publications, etc.

<https://bilbaoarte.org/?lang=en>

BilbaoArte also supports the '*Maker Community against the Coronavirus*' initiative, which brings agents together from design, engineering and graphic printing, as well as individuals, associations and educational centres, so that they can work together to make health protection equipment against COVID-19 for hospitals, police, etc.

BilbaoArte has the MediaLab workshop, an advanced manufacturing workshop available to the artistic community that has 3D printers and scanners, a milling machine, a cutter, a welding station and prototyping material that have been made available for the initiative.

In addition to the initiatives from advanced digital manufacturing centres, social media has been used to ask those who have a 3D printer to collaborate with the platform to print COVID-19 protection materials.

<https://coviduskadi.net/>

BILBAO GUGGENHEIM VIRTUAL MUSEUM

The Bilbao Guggenheim Museum, of which the Bilbao City Council is a patron, has launched a virtual initiative in collaboration with Google Arts & Culture through which a compendium of the museum's high-definition images can be enjoyed online.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/guggenheim-bilbao>

The Museum, through the #GuggenheimBilbaoLive and #MuseumFromHome initiative, also offers explanations about current exhibitions and the most current works through its website and social networks, as well as unknown anecdotes. It has also launched an initiative to bring art closer to families through a series of videos to stimulate creativity and interest in art among children.

<https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en>

<https://twitter.com/MuseoGuggenheim>

<https://www.instagram.com/museoguggenheim/?hl=es>

<https://www.facebook.com/guggenheimbilbaumuseo>