

## The Light Factory. Energy Museum



The Light Factory. Energy Museum is a leisure and cultural divulging where coal is the main actor in all the way. The Museum is located in the old power station Minero Siderurgica Ponferrada (MSP), which was in operation between 1920 and 1971.

During the tour visitors can discover how electricity is produced from coal early last century and meet the particularities of the society of that time; how their lives were, how they worked, how much fun and how the use of a natural resource such as coal was the engine of change in a territory and its inhabitants.

The restoration of this facility, which preserves the original elements of the plant, has been recognized by the European Union with the Europa Nostra 2012 award for its careful restoration, singular and unique. In addition, the Light Factory has been nominated for best European museum in 2015 EMYA (European Museum of the Year Award) awards.

The story of the Light Factory has been reconstructed with the help of more than 200 employees, some of them former employees of the central starring the visit through their own video testimonials. A trip back in time to discover how electricity was produced early last century and what life was like for the people who lived and worked there told by its own protagonists.

### The Cultural Térmica

The Cultural Térmica is a space created and managed from Ponferrada by the Energy City Foundation (CIUDEN) through the Institute for Just Transition (ITJ). We are in the old facilities of the Compostilla I thermal power plant, a place that, 50 years after ceasing its industrial activity, is now reborn as a multipurpose center dedicated to the arts, knowledge and professional training. And, like the energy that was produced in its core, culture is in constant transformation and guides societies towards the future. Because the Cultural Térmica has been, is and will be Incandescent Culture.

## BUILDINGS

## The Light Factory. Energy Museum

**Building:** The museum's main infrastructure is the Central Site, housed in Compostilla I, a former power station that operated from 1949 to 1974 and played a key role in the area's development.

### WHEN TO VISIT IT?

#### Opening hours

- Summer (July 1 – August 31):
  - From Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM and 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM. Guided tours: Consult
  - Closed: Monday
- From September 1 to June 30:
  - From Tuesday to Sunday: 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Guided tours: 13:15, 16:15
  - Closed: Monday

#### Taxes

- General 3 €
- Reduced 1.5 €

(Guided tours €5 - Reduced €3)

**Observations:** Guided tours consult

This portal is not responsible for possible changes in the schedules and rates reflected

### ADDRESS AND MAP LOCATION

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