

English Speaking Club Zurich

Buebeseggstr. 3
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Programme FEBRUARY – APRIL 2026

99th Edition

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026



...starts of course with an
APERO

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Don't waste - Reuse!



Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Live theatre without script and choreography - Guided tour through the

IMPRO – THEATER im Zollhaus

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ANUND
PFIRSICH

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Vietnamese Food

at
**Restaurant
Co Chin Chin**



Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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SUMMARY

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 10 th	Annual General Meeting 2026 with Apero
Tuesday, 24 th	“New Realities” at Stadtmuseum Aarau - <i>register by 20th February</i>

MARCH

Tuesday, 3 rd	Slide Show “Madagascar” with Marina at the Werdguet
Tuesday, 10 th	Zurich Circular at Stadthaus – <i>register by 5th March</i>
Tuesday, 24 th	“anundpfirsich” Impro Theater Zollhaus – <i>register by 20th March</i>

APRIL

Tuesday, 21 st	Vietnamese Restaurant Co Chin Chin - <i>register by 14th April</i>
Tuesday, 28 th	Museum Stadtpolizei Zurich - <i>register by 24th April</i>

INFORMATION TO ALL MEMBERS

Your registration for an event by phone is only valid when you leave (in a clear voice) your last and first name as well as the telephone number where you can be reached.
Ticket events are non refundable - No show policy will be applied

A note from the secretary

Dear Members,



You can compare our upcoming events with colours. The first event in this new programme may have the colour GREY for you - Annual General Meeting 2026. Aber NEIN !!! It contains quite a few colour spots inside, i.e the apero (which we "stretch" a little bit this time). Other colours will appear at Marina's slide show about Madagascar and Masoala. Or which colours will fake you with AI or Artificial Intelligence? In the Stadtmuseum Aarau, you will maybe find the solution. Or what colours do you combine with the police? In Zurich, it's mostly blue and white – like the flag of the canton. You don't get smart with my colour comparisons? Then just go through the programme and find out yourself what suits you.

An average Club event does not only consist of a guided tour or a hike or an excursion. It is in most cases concluded with a dinner or a drink afterwards. Until now, we have been mentioning whether we go into a restaurant or not, after an event. But we never told you WHICH restaurant we intended to go in. There was a request from some members: If possible, we will add this information in the future. Another good reason is: It can happen that some members sometimes cannot come to an event due to other commitments. But this way, later in the evening, they are happy to still join the group in the restaurant.

Warmest regards

Jürg

→ regarding trams and timetable, please consult your mobile - www.zvv.ch

February 10
19.00 h

Annual General Meeting 2026



What is a typical Club event in February?
The so called "AGM" at our Stammbeiz Restaurant Werdguet.

Please make your way to Zurich tonight as important topics will be covered. With your attendance you show a gesture of solidarity and democratic thinking to our Club. Therefore, we "reward" you with a tasty apero. Then we go over to the agenda. This event is for paid-up members only. Where to meet, see frame on next page. The Executive Committee is looking forward to seeing many of you.

For various events like slide shows, lectures or the AGM, we meet as usual at the

Restaurant Werdguet, Morgartenstrasse 30, 8004 Zurich.

How to get there: The restaurant Werdguet can be difficult to find. Those coming for the first time are recommended to take tram 9 or 14 to Bahnhof Wiedikon. Cross the street so that you are on the opposite side to the Wiedikon station entrance. Then walk back down Birmensdorferstrasse towards Stauffacher until you see Morgartenstrasse on the right hand side. Walk down Morgartenstrasse and you will see the restaurant Werdguet on the left hand side at the first corner. www.werdguet.ch

February 20 Register with Jürg for “New Realities” at Stadtmuseum Aarau

February 24 **New Realities at Stadtmuseum Aarau**

15.55 h

Register



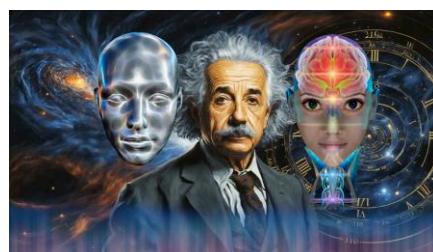
What kind of influence does the generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) have on our perception? The special exhibition “New Realities – how AI depicts us” will show us, with photorealistic AI-pictures from the last 3 years, how technique, aesthetic and our comprehension for pictures change us. “New Realities” offers a critical examination of the possibilities and limits of generative AI – and it motivates us to discover new perspectives on our reality. Together with David Künzli, we will have a ¾ hour English guided tour through these new realities which can be fascinating and frightening at the same time. The entrance fee is CHF 5.00 (free with Museumspass or Raiffeisen Card), the tour guide is FREE for members, guests pay CHF 10.00.

Buy a return ticket to Aarau (CHF 27.00 with ½ Tax Abo) and meet Jürg at 15.55 h in front of track 13 in Zurich HB, train leaves HB at 16.08 h. Upon arrival at train station Aarau we will have a 10 to 15 minutes walk to Stadtmuseum.

Please register no later than February 20, phone 079 580 10 81 or e-mail all details to info@escz.ch.

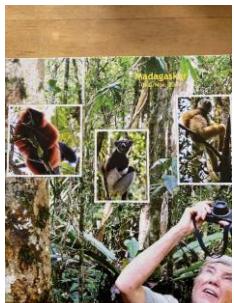
More interesting info see www.stadtmuseum.ch

After the tour we can round off the evening in the Restaurant Aarauerstube (Swiss cuisine) – will you join? It's just opposite Aarau Bahnhof.



March 3
19.00 h

Slide Show "Madagascar"



Most of you probably have been to the Masoala Hall at Zurich Zoo. If you join Marina for the slide show on Madagascar, you will experience the "real thing". Masoala National Park, founded in 1997, lies on a peninsula in the northeast of Madagascar. Besides its large area of rainforest, marine parks and its variety of habitats, you will also meet the people who live there.

Madagascar is a biodiversity hotspot with over 90 % of all plant and animal species being endemic. We will travel through different territorial ecoregions and also take a train that used to run between Yverdon and St. Croix. The 163 km long railway line is very important for the people who live on this high plateau in order to take their goods to the markets.

To us foreigners it provides an amazing glimpse of local life. In addition to sightseeing, watching lemurs and learning about Madagascar's culture, we also get into contact with the Swiss project ADES whose goal it is that the majority of households will use energy efficient cooking stoves by 2050. They are produced and distributed locally and help to fight deforestation. The slide show takes place at the Restaurant Werdguet, how to get there, see under February 10 (frame on page 4).

The event is FREE of charge for members, guests contribute with CHF 5.00.

If you have questions about this event, call Jürg on phone 079 580 10 81. After the slide show, you are free to have a drink or a bite to eat in the Restaurant.



March 5
March 10
16.50 h
Register
German

Register with Sonja for „Future with circular economy“

Zurich Circular - future with circular economy

Consumer goods like clothing or electrical appliances are, in our western world, cheap to get and available at any time. We buy more than we need and at the same time we throw a lot of things away. Also while building houses we are always creating something new, instead of reusing existing materials. The consequence: Nowadays we consume more resources and more electricity than earth can provide in the long term.



A way out is the circular economy! The current exhibition in the Stadthaus Zurich is intended to show the principles of the circular economy in Zurich. We are invited to visit this very interesting exhibition, accompanied by the industrial designer Elias Diehl (about 1 hour in German). Meet Sonja (or her deputy) at 16.50 h on the ground floor of the Stadthaus

(Stadthausquai 17). Members pay CHF 5.00 and guests CHF 15.00. Please register as early as possible with Sonja via sonita@sunrise.ch or by phone **044 302 45 47** (preferably in the evening).

Please specify whether you will join for dinner or not.

March 20 Register with Jürg for “Anundpfirsich” Theater im Zollhaus

March 24 **“Anundpfirsich” the making of improvised theatre**

17.00 h

Register



When we go to a theatre performance, we take it for granted that the actors and actresses perform the play according to a script and a perfectly planned choreography. But here in the “Anundpfirsich” Theater zum Zollhaus (apparently derived from the expression “an und für sich”) this works **WITHOUT !!!**

In other words, the actors perform the play spontaneously, in most cases according to the input of the audience. This means that they improvise “live” on the stage when the audience is present and interacting. Improvised theatre is not only an experiment, it’s a science. Thus, the “Anundpfirsich” not only performs theatre but also provides professional workshops and gives lessons.

Tonight, we will have an English guided tour with Björn through the premises of the Theater Zollhaus. He will explain us the concept of the *Impro Theater*, takes about one hour.

Location: Zollstrasse 121, 8005 Zurich. How to get there: You may start from Sihlquai/HB, turn into Zollstrasse, just go along the rails on the north side until you reach no. 121. Or take any Tram to Limmatplatz and change to Bus 32 and get off at Röntgenstrasse, then it’s a 100 meter stroll. The tour costs you a modest CHF 5.00, guests contribute with CHF 15.00.

After the tour, for those who like, we will go to a restaurant near HB (previously the St.Gallerhof) for food or a drink.

Please register no later than March 20,
phone Jürg 079 580 10 81 or send all details to info@escz.ch.

Specify whether you join for the restaurant or not.

Please find more useful information under www.pfirsich.ch

April 14 Register with Barbara for Vietnamese Food at Restaurant Co Chin Chin



April 21
18.30 h
Register



Vietnamese Food at Restaurant Co Chin Chin (Gasometerstrasse)

It is a 15h flight to Vietnam from Zurich, a country with many contrasts - and a unique style of cooking. This evening, we do not have to take the aeroplane, it's enough to travel to Gasometerstrasse 7 in Zurich. Restaurant Co Chin Chin offers authentic Vietnamese food. As a starter, what about *Goi Cuon*, a summer roll with shrimp and chicken? It's even available in spring time. The main course dish highly recommended would be a crunchy duck with *pak choy* vegetables or, for vegetarians, a dish called *banh pho xao nam*, i.e. fried noodles with various types of mushrooms. There is also a large choice of soups and salads. To finish off a delicious meal, you may make a choice of 8 different sweet dishes.

Prices for the main dish range from CHF 20 - CHF 35. Directions how to get there: Take any tram to Limmatplatz. Walk up Langstrasse, turn right into Heinrichstrasse then turn left on the 2nd road into Gasometerstrasse and walk up to the restaurant. Please register with Barbara no later than April 14, e-mail merk.barbara@gmail.com or 079 582 19 48, leaving your full name and phone number.

April 24
18.00 h
Register



Register with Heinz for Stadtpolizei

Museum Stadtpolizei Zurich

No, it's not the criminal museum of the past. It is a collection of weapons, uniforms, documents, vehicles, radio equipment, film and photo technique and much more. You will also find documentation about exciting criminal cases of the last century, like the ones of Tschanun and Deubelbeiss.

Come along to see all the well-prepared exhibits, together with lots of interesting background stories and anecdotes. The tour is in (high) German and lasts about 1.5 h – and is FREE for members! Donations are welcome. Afterwards we will as usual go to a nearby restaurant.

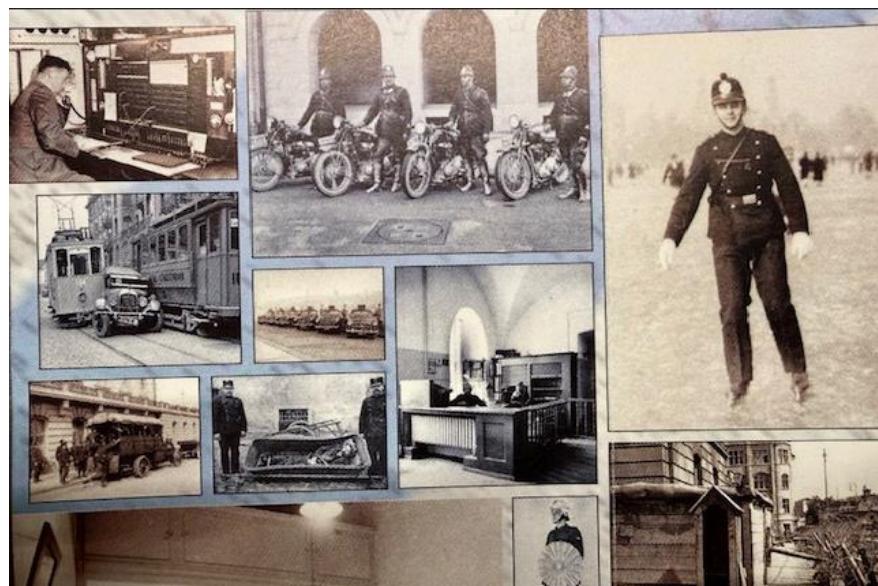
Meeting point: In front of Parkhaus Urania, next to the paying machines, Uraniastrasse 3, 8001 Zurich.

How to get there: Tram 4 or 15 to "Rudolf Brun Brücke", cross the bridge to Uraniastrasse until Parkhaus Urania. Or from main station, walk up Bahnhofstrasse, turn left into Uraniastrasse and you will find the Parkhaus on your right.

Register with Heinz, not later than **by April 24**
 (H: 044 780 19 45, O: 044 784 85 87,
 or E-Mail hvifian@bluewin.ch

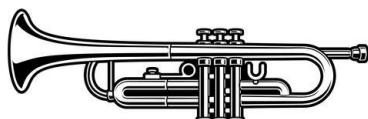
→ **Important: We need a minimum of 10 people**

When you register, please consult first your mobile on www.zvv.ch regarding trams and timetable, then leave your full name and phone number in a clear voice and mention whether you are willing to join the restaurant.



Upcoming Club events

June 24 Concert with MG Harmonie Kilchberg
 Our club Member Petra will be present there and play an instrument.



Open date visit historic Rheinfelden with the Pestdoktor

