

City Hall Fürth

Fürth's very striking City Hall – the tallest building in the city – was built between 1840 and 1844, with the bell tower, modelled on Florence's Palazzo Vecchio, being added shortly afterwards.

Fürth below versus Florence (on the right)



What you might not know is that the bells of the bell tower were donated to the war effort during the 2nd WW (in other words they were removed and melted down to provide metal for the armament's industry). After the war, after a failed attempt to produce an acceptable sound with ceramic bells, a new glockenspiel was cast. The sound it now rings out is Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms1lLdDKcS4>). Apparently this is very popular with newly-wed couples!

The Fürth Crime Museum

The Crime Museum, which we'll be visiting on 23rd March, is located in the basement of the City Hall. It was officially opened in September 2010 and houses exhibits on the history of criminology in Fürth, as well as crime and its prevention now and in the future. It's modest, but nonetheless well worth a visit! © **Frank Gillard**