

Weibsbilder - Topic inspiration

Not included in the following lines are first-person impressions, in which the interpreters present scenes from daily life of the past in an acting fashion, for example a judicial hearing, a fight between lovers, a conversation between family members (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xz6ppTxUocY>, oder <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yobTFkKtrVc>).

These scenes - ideally offering some sort of moderation for the visitors, can be built into our little programme for the weekend so the visitors won't miss them during their visit.

1. All just biology? Physical aspects

- Female bodies, inner and outer sex organs
- Child baring
- Menstruation in theory and practice, or as a taboo
- physical strength/weakness?
- Trans identity and bodily transformations

In practice?

- Display table on female hygiene
- Historic gyneacologists
- Talk on cultural aspects of menstruation, fertility cults, stigmatisation, body modification

2. All performance? The woman as a matter of expression

- Clothing, Jewellery, shoes, body forming underwear
- Hair-fashions, veiling, hats
- Cosmetics, Hygiene, hair care, perfume
- Education, Etiquette, language
- Trans identity and performativity

In practice?

- Display table on underwear, getting dressed shows

- Display table or talk on women's education, girls schools, etc.
- Display or show on hair care and cosmetics
- Talk about clothing and gender: What makes men's or women's clothing what it is? When did gender separated clothing appear? What is the significance of veiling? How do body ideals change fashion? Women in pants?
- Historical crossdressing
- Trans identity in history

3. Women in society and gender roles

- Marriage, divorce and inheritance
- Homemaking and family care
- Working women
- Women in politics and voting rights
- women in the community (honorary offices, charity)

In practice?

- Suffragets
- Talks and poster presentations

4. Women's careers

- Women in power and in nobility
- Farming
- Women in Crafts (textile crafts, residual income, work sharing with husbands)
- Women in trade
- Women in the service industry
- Women as doctors and nurses
- Women's guilds

- Women in religion (private faith, women's orders, women as religious leaders, women's religions, fertility cults, mystery cults, adoration of the virgin Mary)
- Women's education and women in science
- Apprenticeship and professional training
- Income politics

In practice?

- „typical” women's trades:
 - Textile crafts
 - Nurses, midwives,...
 - ...
- Impressions of Nuns and Beguines
- Talks: Women and emancipation in the working field, trade unions, women's guilds, University

5. This is reserved for women? Women-only spaces

- Women as mothers (pregnancy, birth, childcare)
- Midwives and Gyneacology
- Wet nurses
- Women's cults (Bona Dea, Bacchanalia/Dionysien, Demeter mysteries)

In practice?

- Display table nursing equipment
- Display table : Babywearing and swaddling
- Display childrens games, gendered toys
- Wet nurse display or impression
- Display table gyneacology
- Talk: Goddesses and priestesses
- Impressions of jewish or muslim women

6. Women “as men”? Transversing gender roles

- fighting women (fencing, gladiatrices, warriors, military leaders)
- politically active women
- women in positions of power
- crossdressing and travesty, gender concepts in history

In practice?

- show fights or training
- Talk about fighting women (Jeanne d’Arc, Birka-burial, ...)
- Talk: Women in power (queens and politicians)
- Crossdressing-impression
- Travesty theatre from roman antiquity, medieval Fastnacht-theatre

7. Love, Sex and Passion

- Marriage and weddingst
- Minne/Minstrels, Courting
- Adultery, Divorce, Widows
- Prostitution and Courtesans
- Sexual advice and sexual autonomy
- Abortion, Birth control and Fertility
- Sex without partners, female bodies, sex toys
- Homosexuality

In Practice?

- Talk about marriage laws through the ages
- Impression of a Sex worker/Prostitute
- Display table: Sexuality and Eroticism

8. Modern women in History and Reenactment

- Gender studies and historical science
- Women in reenactment
- Women in archeology, gender archeology
- Women in public history

In practice?

- Talks