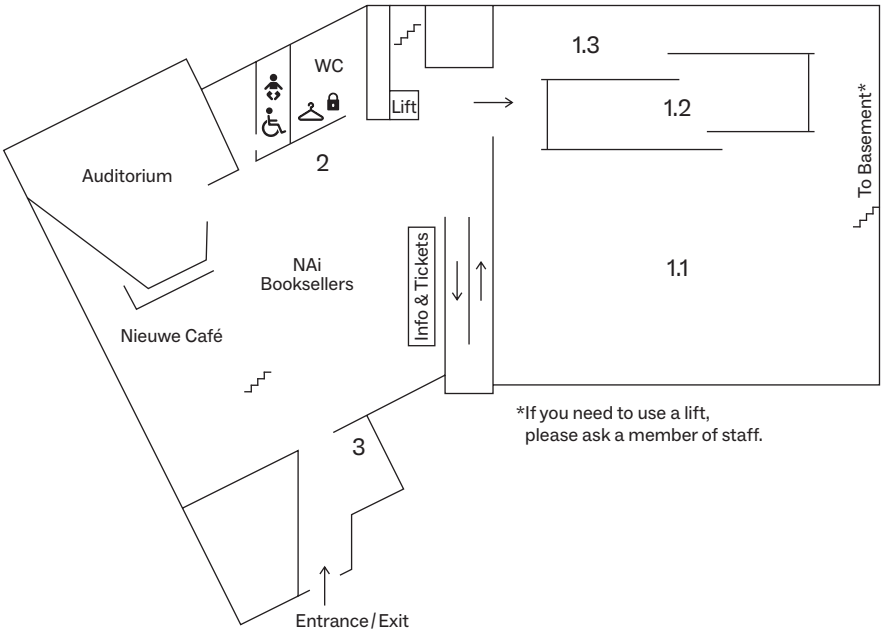
Floor plan

Nieuwe Instituut

Museum for architecture, design and digital culture

Ground floor



*If you need to use a lift, please ask a member of staff.

GALLERY 1

1.1 Worldglimpsing: Role Play and the Design of Alternate Realities
13 December 2026 – 19 September 2027

An exhibition about the magic of role-play, play as a contemporary design practice and the imagining of other versions of ourselves, as well as the possible world of tomorrow.

1.2 Another Island
Until 7 February 2027

A film installation by Janilda Bartolomeu that poetically depicts the dreams of Cape Verdeans living in Rotterdam and Dakar, Senegal.

1.3 Collection Gallery
Until 27 May 2029

The Collection Gallery is an interactive, hybrid space where you can experience over 150 years of design history. Scale models and drawings form the starting point of a digital journey of discovery through the architecture collection of the Nieuwe Instituut

FOYER

2 New Store

New Store is our test location for a new way of shopping. In this alternative museum shop, you buy products that help to preserve the environment, rather than harming it.

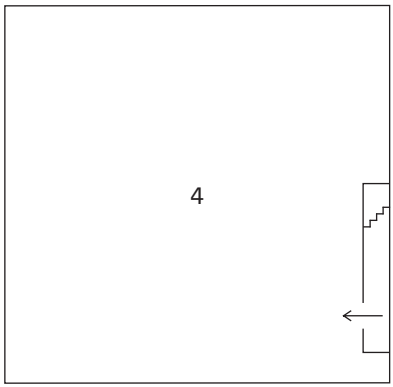
3 The Screen

The screen at the entrance is dedicated to digital culture, showing work by media artists, developments in the –1 Digital Lab, digitisation projects and more.

Basement

4 –1 DIGITAL LAB

Part laboratory, part exhibition space, –1 is where local and international makers work on digital projects that show how new technologies impact people, culture, society and the planet.

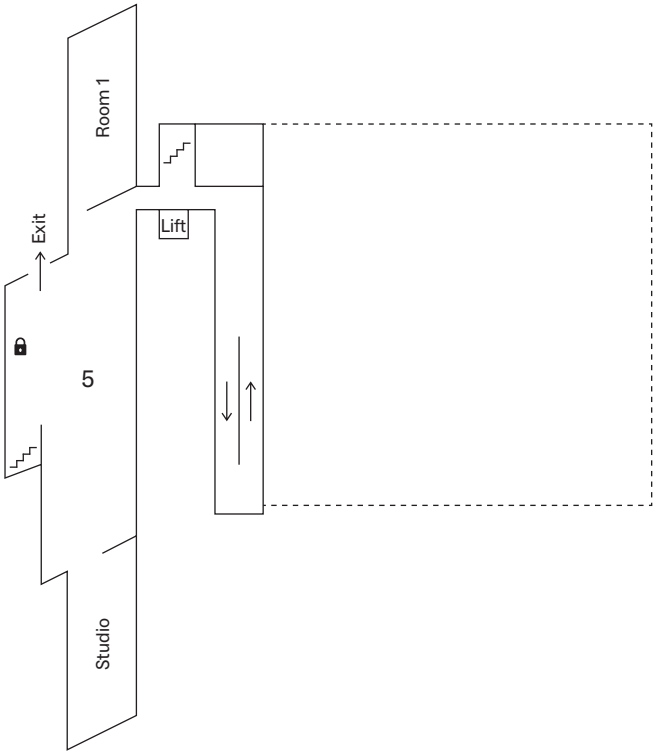


1st floor

DEK

5 SIDELINED. Rethinking Togetherness
Until 31 January 2027

By transforming the Deck into a sports bar, *SIDELINED* demonstrates how architecture influences social dynamics. This installation is based on the Dutch entry for the 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale.

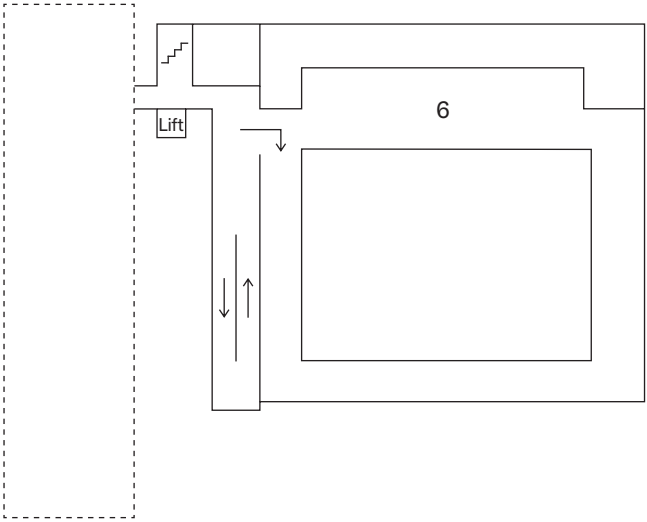


2nd floor

GALLERY 2

6 Prix de Rome Architecture:
Terminal Velocity
4 December 2026 –
27 June 2027

Four nominees for the Prix de Rome Architecture present spatial works in response to the acceleration of our times and the tension between ambition and reality.



3rd floor

GALLERY 3

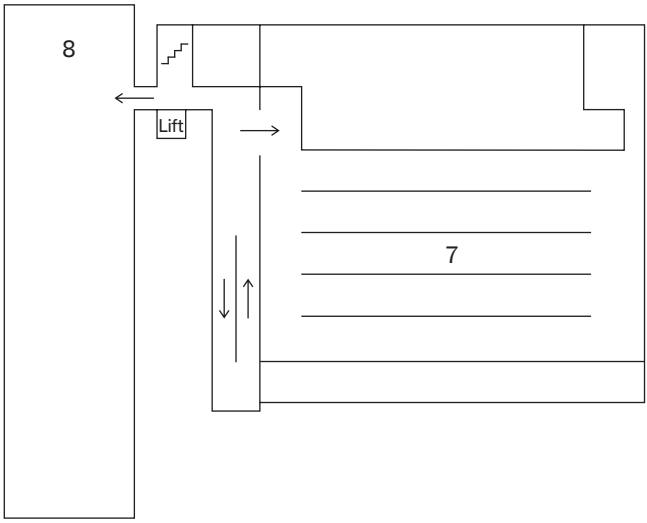
7 Future Makers!

Today's children create tomorrow's world. In the exhibition, children and adults design a world where everyone is equal and sharing is more important than owning.

RE–CENTRE

8 A Building in Motion: From Sketch to Treasure Chamber
Until 31 January 2027

This presentation showcases design drawings and sketches from the archive of architect Jo Coenen, relating to the former Netherlands Architecture Institute, now the Nieuwe Instituut.



Sonneveld House





Sonneveld House shows how a wealthy Rotterdam family embraced modernism in 1933, when the villa was built. Next to the Nieuwe Instituut: Jongkindstraat 12, open from Tuesday to Sunday 10:00–17:00.

Discover more

RE–CENTRE

Re–Centre, designed by Sabine Marcelis, houses a rich library collection and is open to visitors free of charge during museum opening hours. It's a place of research, inspiration and encounter.

NIEUWE CAFÉ

Chef Manuela Goncalves Tavares' 'tokological' cuisine is a Rotterdam mix of flavours and cultures that can be found in the city's tokos (food shops). The menu features vegetarian and vegan dishes.

NEW GARDEN

Discover the enormous biodiversity of the New Garden, with its herbs, shrubs, fungi and creatures. Follow the QR codes and discover hidden stories about the New Garden and its inhabitants.

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In addition to architecture and urban and landscape development, the bookstore also focuses on design, art and digital culture.

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