



# NESW

NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Spring/Summer 2025

Upcoming Meeting Dates in  
2025  
(subject to change!)

September 19  
October 17  
November 14  
December 12

Our website is: [www.nesw.de](http://www.nesw.de)  
Monthly registration:  
[registration@nesw.de](mailto:registration@nesw.de)



Further to our February 21 Meeting with Joe Mmeh and Emeka Udemba, members of German-Africa Insight e.V., we are pleased to share details regarding their upcoming meetings, as well as additional information at: <https://german-africainsight.de/online-events>

**Save the Dates**

**AFRIKA IN DEUTSCHLAND**  
- SICHTBAR / UNVERZICHTBAR

Afrika in Deutschland -Sichtbar / Unverzichtbar, ist eine Veranstaltungsreihe, die afrikanische Expertise in den Bereichen Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft, Politik, Kunst und Kultur beleuchtet. Durch interaktive Aktionstage, Vorträge und Dialogräume, präsentieren Experten die Afrikanische Diaspora als Motor des Wandels

Samstag, 10.05.2025

Samstag, 07.06.2025  
Mit Dr. Grace Mbugu (Renewable Energy Development Expert)

Samstag, 02.08.2025

jeweils von 19:00 bis 22:00 Uhr  
Haus des Engagements  
Rehlingstraße 9, 79100 Freiburg

Logos: AET, bwirkt!, GAI, BIERLE, etc.

## MAY

Friday, May 16 at **6:30pm**

Join us for a tour of Breisach - one of Germany's oldest towns!

Breisach's cathedral hill has been home to a permanent settlement for over 4,000 years, making it one of the oldest continuously inhabited sites in Germany - significantly older than Freiburg for example. Over the centuries, Breisach has been ruled by a variety of peoples including the Celts, Romans, Austrians, and French. The Sun King, Louis XIV of France, famously referred to the town as "my jewel."



Our tour guide Riley Williams, originally from the United States, came to Germany in 2014, and is now a resident of Breisach. In 2022, Riley began working as a tour guide whilst building his goldsmith business which he co-owns with his wife. Riley's goal for our tour is to bring the history and culture of Breisach and its surroundings to life - to deepen our appreciation of its heritage and to inspire fresh vision for the future of our businesses and communities.

Dinner will follow at the Italian *Ristorante Neutor* close to the train station.

Please register by Wednesday, May 14 with Liz at [registration@nesw.de](mailto:registration@nesw.de) or call 0171-724 6834.

## JUNE

Friday, June 27 at **7:45pm** or at **7:00pm** for the walk to Günterstal

Making the most of our delightful surroundings and lovely weather!

All of us who live in and around Freiburg cannot help but feel extremely fortunate to be able to enjoy the delightful weather and a wide variety of restaurants offering delicious fare, whether exotic or comfort food, often with beautiful terraces and gardens. One such example is *Kybfelsen* in Günterstal with its delightful *Kastaniengarten* where we have already enjoyed a number of Network evenings over the years. With this in mind, we plan to enjoy a social evening combined with a walk through the woods for those looking to enjoy a little exercise through leafy foliage before settling down for a delicious meal!



The meeting point for the walk will be *Holbeinpferd* at **7:00pm!**

Please register by Wednesday, June 25 with Liz at [registration@nesw.de](mailto:registration@nesw.de) or call 0171-724 6834.

*A forum for communication and exchange between English-speaking women in Freiburg*

# NEWS

## JULY

Friday, July 25 at **7:00pm**  
(6:00pm for swimmers!)

Freiburg's Grand Dame - then and now. Join us for a lively tour of this unique oasis for women!

Lorettobad, lovingly known as Lollo, is not only the oldest open-air pool complex in Freiburg (1841), but the oldest in the whole of Germany. Not content with these historic claims, it also hosts the unique *Damenbad*, the sole women-only pool in the country. The Damenbad is a little *Jugendstil* gem in the Wiehre, a "living room" for a lively mix of students and young Muslim girls, mothers-to-be, octogenarians and tiny tots (boys are allowed entry up to the age of three). It has two songs dedicated to it, has been the focus of several television documentaries, radio programmes and art projects, and provided the incentive for an eccentric film comedy by Doris Dörrie.



Member Mairi Sinclair, who is on the committee of the *Freunde des Lorettobades*, will give us a quick tour of the family area (the largest 'public garden' in Freiburg), relating the unusual history of the site as we go, and then in the Damenbad itself enlighten us with tales and illustrations of some of the weird and wonderful escapades this Grande Dame has lived through. Those of you who would first like to enjoy a dip in the historic Damenbad can join us an hour earlier.

Dinner will follow in the nearby restaurant of the same name 'Lollo'.

Please register by Wednesday, July 23 with Monika at [registration@nesw.de](mailto:registration@nesw.de) or call 0157-8364 3742.

## Membership Information



**30€ Annually**  
(due by the end of January)

**17.50€ Half Year**  
(January-June, July-December)

**5€ Evening Fee for Non-Members**  
(to be paid at the evening's event)

Guests and new members are always welcome. The evening fee is waived for first time guests.



## The Coordinating Team

*Enjoy our Meetings?  
Join our Team!*



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## AUGUST

We will be taking a well-deserved break this month, and look forward to welcoming you back on September 12 for a social evening at *Purino* located in the former *Güterbahnhof*!

The Coordinating Team wishes you and your family a delightful, sunny, fun-filled summer!

## Praise indeed for the Network!

Looking back at the evening with the Network, I am filled with sincere gratitude for the opportunity to share my puppetry research. Your willingness to take a chance on this "crazy" research seems to have landed well. The thoughtful questions, warm reception and, may I say, enthusiastic response to my "Little Red Riding Hood" demonstration, even after running over time with the formal talk, touched me deeply. Particularly meaningful was everyone's curiosity about my teaching methods and how ordinary objects like clothing can transform into expressive puppets - exactly the kind of engagement that makes sharing this work so fulfilling.

Opportunities to share specialized research with thoughtful audiences outside academia are invaluable and rare. Your group's genuine interest demonstrates how ideas from cognitive science and puppetry arts can resonate beyond disciplinary boundaries when given the right forum. The welcoming environment for sharing diverse perspectives speaks volumes about your leadership team and the generous intellectual community you are cultivating with NESW.



*Pia Banzhaf (March 2025)*