

# Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften 2026

## Playground or Battleground? Childhood in Conflict: London, Berlin, Belfast

A student-led family- and child-friendly exhibition  
organised by the MA British Studies Class 2025-2027

**Sat 6 June**

17:00 hours until midnight

Senatssaal

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As part of Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften 2026, M.A. students at the Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin present an interactive exhibition which explores how children's play persists and acquires new meanings in cities shaped by conflict.

Focusing on three twentieth-century case studies – London during the Blitz, divided Berlin after 1961, and Belfast during the Troubles – it highlights children's resilience and creativity in the face of warfare and division. Through research posters, interactive and historical displays, food samples, a film composed of archival footage, and activities designed for younger audiences, visitors are invited to engage with and reflect on children's experiences of conflict.

A panel discussion "Reflecting on Childhood and Youth in Divided Berlin and the Troubles" takes place at 7:00 pm with Dr Juliane Rölecke and Dr Tom Koltermann from the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam.

**Tickets can be found here:**

<https://www.langenachtderwissenschaften.de/informationen/tickets>

Ticketed event. Please check the LNdW website for details.

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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