

Cilly Kugelmann Head curator of the new permanent exhibition of the Jewish Museum Berlin

Cilly Kugelmann has been at the Jewish Museum Berlin since May 2000, and from 2002 to 2017 she was program director. From 1986 to 2000 she directed the educational programs at the Jewish Museum in Frankfurt/Main and curated historical exhibitions.

Cilly Kugelmann lived in Israel for five years starting in 1966. There she spent a year on a kibbutz in the Galilee and then studied history and art history at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 1971 she returned to Germany and organized political education conferences on the subject of Jewish history and the Middle East conflict (1972–1999).

After completing her studies she taught integration courses to ethnic German immigrants and asylum-seekers for the National Education Federation (1978–1982). She then launched a self-help company for the chronically ill at the department of psychiatry and social psychiatry at the Elisabeth Foundation Hospital in Darmstadt (1982–1985), and taught education courses at Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg (1982–1984), where she collaborated on an empirical investigation into Sinti and Roma persecution during the Nazi era (1984–1986).