

Unity House

The dominating structure of the historical centre is the Unity House built during the years of the First Republic (22a Rīgas Street). The Unity House was constructed at the suggestion of the country's president Karlis Ulmanis using donations and funds provided by the state. The corner stone was laid in 1936, and on December 19, 1937, the blessing of the building and the opening ceremony took place.

The Unity House was designed by the architect Verners Vitānds. It was the most modern multifunctional building in Europe housing the Daugavpils theatre, the Latvian Society, a library and other community organizations. The use of antique forms in the architectural solution of the building implemented in the spirit of functionalism met the aesthetic requirements of that time.

At present, the Unity House accommodates the Daugavpils theatre, the Latvian Cultural Centre, Latvian House, a tourist information centre, the Central Library of Latgale, the US Information Centre, a bank, a bookshop, a café, a fitness club and other institutions. The interiors of the Unity House have been renovated since 2005, and in 2009 the restoration of the facades was started.

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Coordinates: 55°52'14.4" N, 26°31'0.7" E

Parking lot: Yes

Toilet: WC

Measures: Yes

Excursion: Yes

Feeding: Yes

Cultural-historical objects

Description: Vienības nams (The house of unity) - cultural, rest and business centre (Rīgas street 22a). The biggest building in Baltic, which was built since independence of Latvia. It was projected by architect V. Vitānds. The foundation-stone of building was placed by president of Latvia Kārlis Ulmanis.



