



The Formentera Council wishes to announce that, due to scheduled upgrades, film showings this Friday (November 3) and Sunday (November 5) at the island's cinema have been cancelled.

The Sala de Cultura (literally, “hall of culture”) will remain closed October 31 to November 10, during which time crews, in addition to performing repairs of the stage, puttying and repainting of inside walls and maintenance of outdoor wooden structures, will apply a material to prevent slips on floors, replace a wooden door, switch out indoor lighting and repair the lighting for the cinema's outdoor sign.

The cost of upgrades is €10,591 (VAT included), though some work, such as on lighting, will be overseen by Council work crews.

Education and culture secretary Susana Labrador offered apologies for any inconveniences caused by the closure. She described the upgrades part of a promise made by the administration's senior councillors and the PSOE to “equip the cinema for current needs and improve the quality of life for those island residents that use it”.

More improvements

In recent months other upgrades have also sought to achieve the same. Single-pane glass in the cinema's windows was replaced with double-paned equivalents in an effort to better the building's insulation. The price tag for those improvements was €480, VAT included. For security reasons, a wooden door on the side of the cinema was upgraded with an aluminium replacement, an operation which cost €740 (VAT included). Crews also coated the projection room door with sheet metal and repaired a side emergency exit door.

Lastly, the cinema received a new air-conditioning unit, which cost €15,173 (VAT included).