

FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT

GLOBAL CALL FOR BREAKTHROUGHS IN SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT

Are you involved in – or aware of – a science engagement initiative that actively engages the public with science and connects to climate action or sustainability challenges? The **Falling Walls Global Call for Science Breakthroughs 2026** invites science engagement practitioners to showcase groundbreaking projects that challenge boundaries and address global challenges.

Submit your application or nomination from
2 February to 15 April 2026 at falling-walls.com/global-call

ABOUT FALLING WALLS

Since 2009, the Falling Walls Science Summit has been a global forum for scientific breakthroughs. Every year, leading researchers, innovators and thought leaders come together to discuss transformative ideas and answer the central question: *“Which are the next walls to fall in science and society?”*

As part of the Global Call for Science Breakthroughs, we’re looking for the **Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year in Science Engagement**. Fifteen selected Engage Finalists will be invited to present their work at the Falling Walls Science Summit in Berlin (6–9 November 2026), gaining international recognition among leading academics, policymakers and industry experts.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

All disciplines and project sizes are welcome. Projects should centre on science engagement and demonstrate a connection to climate action or broader sustainability challenges.

The Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year in the category Science Engagement is an exemplary, inspiring and impactful initiative that:

- Breaks down walls between science and society through its individual approach to science engagement, with a connection to climate action;
- Engages with those working in science and promotes opportunities for co-learning, co-leadership and co-creation while generating excitement for and trust in science;
- Shows a project that is innovative, forward-thinking and entrepreneurial.

More about Engage: falling-walls.com/engage

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

We invite you to share this opportunity with your network and help us discover the next Falling Walls Science Engagement breakthroughs. Your support is invaluable in shaping the future of interdisciplinary innovation.

WHAT GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS SAY

“It’s encouraging to see how innovation, education and community action come together in such meaningful ways.”

Olaf Brock, Engage Jury Co-Chair 2025

“[...] Thanks to Falling Walls Engage, we have been able to communicate that restoring nature is not a dream of tomorrow, it is a responsibility of today. Our generation must turn this knowledge into action to create a better future for all.”

Nondas Ferreira da Silva, Engage Finalist 2025

“[...] Engage brings together people who are actively reimagining how we communicate and share science with the world, and I am proud to be a part of it”

Jylana L. Sheats, Engage Jury 2025

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