

**FINAL REPORT**

**BERLIN  
SCIENCE  
WEEK**

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**2024**

# BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK 2024: BUILDING COMMON GROUND

Berlin Science Week, hosted by the Falling Walls Foundation around its flagship event, the Falling Walls Science Summit, marked a milestone in its journey as a premier festival for scientific engagement and experimentation. Centred on the theme Common Ground, this year's edition embraced the power of science to bridge divides and its essential role in fostering a collaborative, cohesive, and informed society. Made possible by excellent partners and supported by dedicated volunteers from across Europe, the festival fostered meaningful conversations and built a growing community committed to addressing the key challenges of our time.

***„This year's Berlin Science Week impressively demonstrated how science can engage with society. The exchanges throughout this week have once again underscored how central science is in shaping a sustainable future.“*** Dr. Ina Czyborra, Berlin Senator for Science, Health, and Long-Term Care.





# FESTIVAL STATS

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Festival Hubs  
at Museum für Naturkunde Berlin & Holzmarkt 25

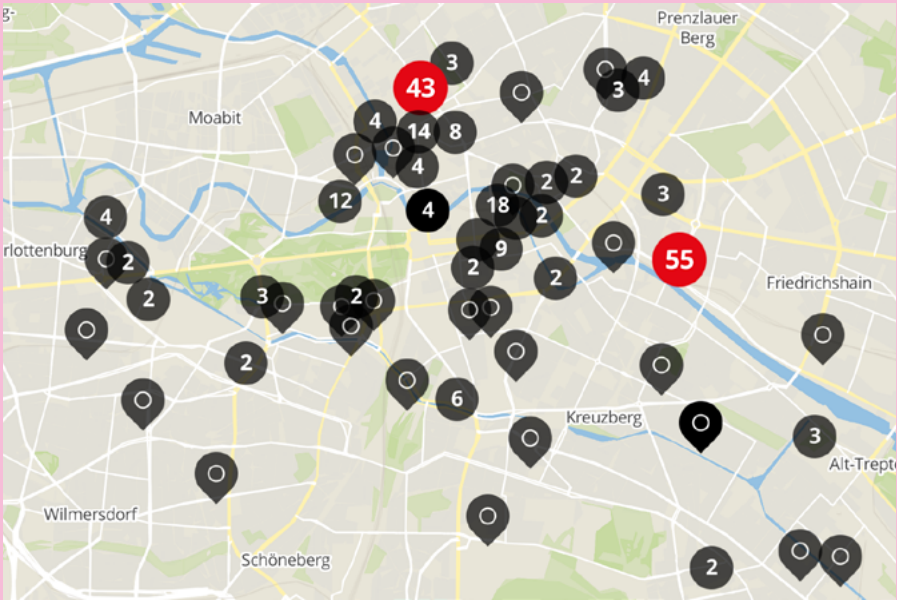
**200+**  
Event organisers from  
over 40 countries

**700+**  
Speakers & Artists

**120+**  
Venues across  
the city

**300+**  
Events

**35,000+**  
Participants



# 2024 AT A GLANCE

The 2024 edition set new standards in engagement and community building. We proudly debuted a curated art & science programme, hosted a grand opening and closing party, introduced regular community meet-ups, and launched a visually striking campaign. For the first time, we also introduced a participation campaign that invited everyone to get involved, making the festival even more inclusive and accessible. These new initiatives, paired with strong participation, underscored the festival's growing influence and relevance.

***„Imagine a science festival that dares to push boundaries and experiment beyond the confines of science itself. That is the spirit and essence of Berlin Science Week.“***

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# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Our vibrant programme spanned a wide spectrum of scientific exploration, from nature and technology to societal challenges and beyond.

The 2024 edition featured curated Event Tracks that invited attendees to dive deep into some of today's most pressing issues from diverse perspectives. These tracks included Water Scarcity, Academic Freedom, Improving Education, Regional Transformation, Empowering Diversity, Global Challenges, and Evening Inspirations, offering something for everyone passionate about shaping a better future.

For the first time, we introduced the Art & Science Conference, a full-day curated programme. The Conference offered a dynamic programme of talks, networking, workshops, and performances, featuring trailblazers of inter- and transdisciplinary work.

As the flagship event of the Falling Walls Foundation, the Falling Walls Science Summit once again brought together the world's brightest minds, tackling the grand challenges of our time through cross-disciplinary dialogue.

***„The Berlin Science Week is a must! The vibrant atmosphere provides many exciting opportunities to share our cutting-edge research with society, to engage in dialogue with the public, and to kick-start important initiatives with our partners all over the city. The team behind the festival is incredibly professional and supportive, and we are thrilled to be part of this community!“***

Marie Burns, Max Delbrück Center



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7-9 NOVEMBER  
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Which are the next walls to fall? Discover groundbreaking research, scientific breakthroughs, and connect with leaders from academia, business and politics.



## AMONG 500 SPEAKERS 2024

**Cem Özdemir**  
*Federal Minister of  
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**Alain Aspect**  
*Nobel Laureate*

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- Winning the Deep Tech Century: Europe's Path to Innovation
- Fusion Technology: Energy for a Sustainable Future
- Preparing the Next Generation of Civic Science Leaders
- Feeding the World in 2050
- KEY TOPICS 2024
- Driving Innovation: Renewables and Sustainable Chemistry
- Overcoming Animal Testing with Advanced Cell Models
- Science Diplomacy: Opportunities and Limits





# FESTIVAL HUB: CAMPUS

1 – 2 NOV at *Museum für Naturkunde Berlin*

Dedicated to dialogue, engagement, and exchange, the CAMPUS brought together scientists, innovators, and explorers for two full days.

This year's theme Common Ground was explored through family-friendly exhibitions and events including panel discussions, experimental workshops, speakers' corner and more.

**„As dynamic and inspiring as the Berlinale, the Berlin Science Week brings together a global community of researchers, thinkers, and innovators.“**

Ulrike Pannasch, Einstein Stiftung Berlin

## Supporters

Arizona State University Decision Theater, hosted by Max Planck Institute for Geoanthropology

Zürich Meets Berlin

ZENK Rechtsanwälte

Visit Berlin

Enhance Alliance, Technische Universität Berlin

## CAMPUS STATS

**1**

Grand Opening

**3**

Stages

**19**

Exhibitors

**39**

Events

**8,500+**

Visitors

**90%**

of events were  
fully attended



# FESTIVAL HUB: SCIENCE & CULTURE FORUM 3 – 10 NOV at Holzmarkt 25

The FORUM explored the common ground between art and science and illuminated the power of interdisciplinary collaboration to create new ways of understanding.

For the first time, the FORUM presented a curated art and science programme, spotlighting and supporting artists from the alternative cultural scene who explore the intersection of art and technology. Through workshops, performances, talks, Tiny Galleries, and the Art & Science Conference, we celebrated the rich diversity of transdisciplinary approaches.

***„Berlin Science Week provides a unique platform for multi-disciplinary events which engage not only the science and art professionals, but most importantly the general public. We are very grateful and happy we could be a part of SW 2024 and share our project with so many visitors! It was a great experience we hope to repeat next year“***

Konstancja Satalecka, astrophysicist, coordinator of the „School of Not-Knowing: the Cosmic Dancer“ project by PJAiT (Warsaw)

## FORUM STATS

1

Grand Closing Party

4

Stages

6

Tiny Galleries

58

Events

8,500+

Visitors

90%

of events were  
fully attended





# VISIBILITY ALL ACROSS BERLIN

To visually amplify our programme under the theme Common Ground, we launched a bold campaign designed to position Berlin Science Week as accessible, contemporary, and thought-provoking. With an increased focus on Art & Science, the campaign aimed to engage culturally curious audiences both in Berlin and beyond.

In addition, we migrated our website to a new platform, ensuring an enhanced user experience and seamless access to the festival's diverse offerings.



## MARKETING STATS

**30+**  
Print & Digital Ads

**50+**  
Videos

**800+**  
Posters in the City

**5,000+**  
Printed Flyers

**125,000**  
Website Visits

**613,000+**  
Views on Social Media

# EXPANDING REACH, INSPIRING STORIES

This year, we are particularly proud that our campaign and extensive social media activities led to a 41% increase in our followers compared to the previous year. We also successfully continued our collaboration with Tagesspiegel, producing another excellent magazine featuring four engaging guest contributions. Additionally, the Journalism Fellowship entered a new round, bringing a group of international journalists to Berlin for an inspiring exchange of ideas.

## Media Cooperations

Tagesspiegel

Tip

TheBerliner

DUZ Verlag

Yorck Kinogruppe

FluxFM

Zeit Verlagsgruppe

FAZ

## MEDIA STATS

**300+**

National and International Press  
Mentions

**110,000+**

Tagesspiegel  
Magazines

**12,000+**

Newsletter Subscriber

**25,000+**

Followers on  
Social Media





# SHAPING FUTURE CONVERSATIONS

This year, we introduced a new approach to enhance participant engagement and connect our events more closely. With the guiding question, „How can science help bridge divides?“, we launched Futures Canvas, inviting attendees to submit their thoughts and ideas. Through this interactive platform, visitors could not only provide their own input, but also rate others’ submissions, allowing AI to generate collective future scenarios. In collaboration with Decision Theater from Arizona State University and the Max Planck Institute for Geoanthropology, we aim to further develop this initiative into a model next year. The goal is to involve stakeholders in decision-making processes, exploring how science can contribute to social cohesion, and to continue building on this project in the future.



# FUTURE CANVAS STATS

1

Platform

100+

Opinions

550+

Ratings



DISCOVER  
SURVEY  
RESULTS



# BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY

This year, the Berlin Science Week focused on strengthening its role as a year-round platform for networking and exchange. Our goal was to foster a stronger sense of community by offering regular opportunities for connection both before and during the festival.

Highlights included a community day with workshops and networking sessions, along with community meet-ups for informal exchanges. A major new addition was the Opening Night, bringing together guests from science, culture, and politics in an interactive format designed to spark meaningful conversations. The festival concluded with a grand Closing Party, celebrating the collaborative spirit of all involved.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS STATS

- 3

Workshops
- 7

Community Events
- 800+

People engaging



# CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

This year, we want to particularly highlight our incredible volunteers as a testament to our strong community. They came from all over Europe, driven by a deep commitment to contributing to science communication. Their passion and diverse backgrounds are unmatched. The Berlin Science Week would not have been possible without their dedication and support. A heartfelt thank you to all of them!

***„Volunteering at Berlin Science Week was such a rewarding experience! I loved exploring the connections between art and science, opening my mind to new ideas, and learning about different ways of working. It was also great to meet so many inspiring people and be part of such an inclusive and welcoming event - I can't wait for the next one!“***

Catarina Moura, Science Communication Officer, International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory

## Volunteers

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Sabina Khatri  
Sara Buß  
Silvia Zanetti  
Steve Williams  
Weili Chan

## VOLUNTEER STATS

**38**

Volunteers

**250+**

Applications

**700+**

Hours of  
dedicated help!

# THANKS TO OUR INSPIRING CONTRIBUTORS

We sincerely thank over 200 organisations, projects, and artists who contributed with great dedication to this year's fantastic programme. The Berlin Science Week would not exist without them, and we are truly inspired by the excellence of their content, creativity in formats, and the outstanding execution. In this spirit, we look forward to further developing and growing. A heartfelt thank you to all those involved this year:

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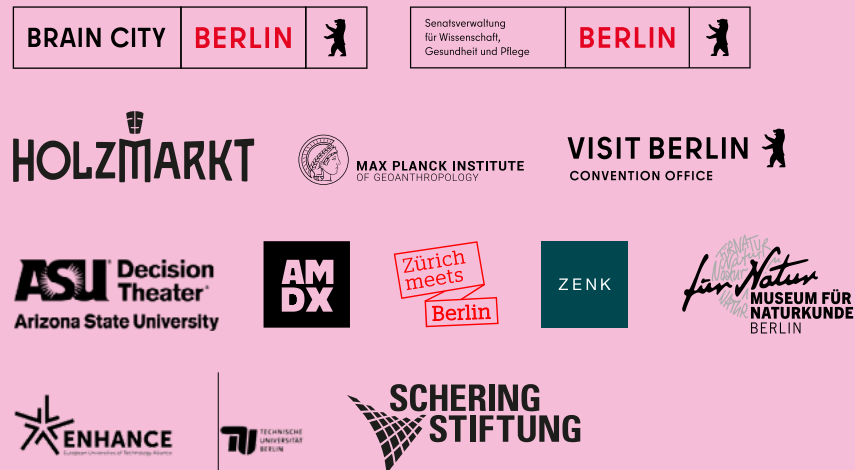
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Humboldt University of Berlin  
ICN Berlin Business School  
IGAFA - Initiativgemeinschaft Außeruniversitärer Forschungseinrichtungen in Adlershof  
iluseum.org  
INAM - Innovation Network for Advanced Materials  
Institut für praktische Emergenz  
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