

YSC Online STEM Fair selected as Falling Walls Engage 2020 finalist

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Youth Science Canada's 2020 Online STEM Fair has been selected as a finalist in the Science Engagement category for Falling Walls Engage 2020. The prestigious program takes place during Berlin Science Week (November 1-10).

"We are honoured that the YSC Online STEM Fair is being recognized by a program devoted to bringing people together through science and scientific inquiry," says Reni Barlow, executive director at Youth Science Canada. "This nomination is a testament to the hard work Canadian students have poured into their science projects and to sharing them proudly and openly among peers and the public, despite serious obstacles."

Hosted by the Falling Walls Conference, an annual science forum held in Berlin as part of the city's science week, the awards program commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall and celebrates institutions that demonstrate advances in removing barriers that undermine progress in their given field.

"A crisis often becomes a catalyst for change," says Barlow. "We had plans to launch an online project showcase several years down the road, but the pandemic forced us to act quickly. With the help of our partners – and particularly engineering.com – we were able to launch a successful online event in record time."

The first annual YSC Online STEM Fair enjoyed incredible success. Students from grade 7 to 12 and Cégep across the country submitted more than 630 projects which were viewed by close to 16,000 unique visitors from May 1 to June 26.

By end of October, a panel of distinguished judges will have narrowed down the Science Engagement nominees to ten finalists who will each get the opportunity to discuss their work at this year's virtual Falling Walls Conference, November 4-8. The winner of the Breakthrough of the Year award will be announced on November 9.

About Falling Walls Conference

The Falling Walls Conference is an annual world forum for science in Berlin, Germany, that coincides with the anniversary of the

Fall of the Berlin Wall. The week-long scientific conference showcases the research work of international scientists from a wide range of fields discussing pressing global challenges with world leaders in science, politics, business and the media.

About Youth Science Canada

Established in 1962, Youth Science Canada fuels the curiosity of Canadian youth through science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects. We work to ensure that Canadian youth have the capacity and skills to generate and answer questions and identify and solve problems. The not-for-profit also engages leading public and private sector organizations in the development of a national STEM network of Canadian youth. For more information, please visit <https://youthscience.ca/> [1]

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