

Halls & Walls 2026

Program



Friday, 13.11.2026

9.00 am

Start of fair

10.00 – 11.00 am

Stage, Hall A6

Climbing and Inclusion – A Perfect Match?

What makes climbing a sport with special potential for inclusion—and why does inclusion matter to all of us? The inclusive climbing club „Ich will da rauf!“ e.V. (I want to go up there!) provides insights into its inclusive climbing program, which has been in use since 2008, highlights opportunities and challenges, and demonstrates the inclusive potential of sport climbing and the added value that inclusive programs offer to climbing gyms.

Speakers: Katharina Glögl, Project Manager „Ich will da rauf!“ e.V.
Nadja Artweger, Sociologist „Ich will da rauf!“ e.V.

12.00 am – 1.00 pm

Room Berlin/Paris

Route Setting Roundtable - Organization of Route Setting

In the fishbowl session, experts discuss the day-to-day challenges involved in organizing route setting and creating boulder problems.

Experts: Rebekka Schütze, Gym Manager DAV-Kletterzentrum Darmstadt
Lars Großkurth, Managing Director urban apes Gruppe
Michel Krause, Head of Route Setting Boulderwelt Hamburg
Fabian Ludwig, Managing Director Boulderdrome, Dresden
Peter Zeidelhack, Gym Manager DAV-Kletterzentrum München Süd
Moderation: Julia Zschiesche

3.00 – 3.45 pm

Foyer East

Accidents and Accident Prevention at Climbing Facilities (d/e)

DAV Safety Research uses accident reports from climbing and bouldering gyms for the 2025 reporting year to identify accident patterns and approaches to accident prevention. The analysis is based on a joint survey conducted by DAV, KLEVER, and VKÖ at climbing gyms in Germany and Austria.

Speaker: Julius Kerscher, DAV-Safety Research
Moderation: Julia Zschiesche

4.30 – 5.15 pm

Climbing Wall Hall A6

Accessibility for All: "Route Setting and Supporting Auto Belays"

An update about inclusion, because climbing is for everyone. Down with barriers, up with holds—diversity on the wall matters more than difficulty levels. Introduction of auto belays with assistive functions combined with inclusive route-setting, featuring relevant climbing holds from various manufacturers.

Presenters: Julius Kerscher, DAV National Teaching Team Route Setting
Judith Lattner, Diversity and Inclusion at DAV
Anja Pinzel, Diversity and Inclusion at DAV

5.30 pm – 10.00 pm

DAV Booth - Hall A7

Halls & Walls Get-Together

Meeting of the climbing gym community in the Halls & Walls Lounge with free drinks sponsored by Boulders Kletterhallenservice and T-Wall

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9.00 am

Start of fair

9.00 – 11.00 am

Climbing Wall Hall A6

Route Setting Workshop Flinta +

Route setting workshop for beginners and advanced learners with Rebekka Schütze, gym manager at DAV-Kletterzentrum Darmstadt.

11.00 – 11.45 am

Room Rom

A Climbing Gym for Everyone - Let's Break Down Barriers!

How can we create a climbing gym for everyone? In this workshop, we'll take a look at the different barriers that make it difficult for people to access sport climbing - from structural conditions to communication and organizational processes. Through a hands-on discussion, we'll develop initial ideas on how to break down these barriers and show that inclusion doesn't always require major renovations or large investments—even small changes can make a big difference.

Speakers: Katharina Glögl, Project Manager „Ich will da rauf!“ e.V.
Nadja Artweger, Sociologist „Ich will da rauf!“ e.V.

12.00 – 12.45 am

Foyer East

„Road to Paralympia“ – On Climbing with a Visual Impairment and Developments in Para-Competitive Climbing (d/e)

How is para climbing evolving in the run-up to the 2028 Paralympics from the perspective of athletes and coaches? Para athlete Luisa Grube and coach Tatjana Nußer share their experiences, challenges, and progress in para climbing as a competitive sport.

Speakers: Luisa Grube, Paralympic Team Athlete B2
Tatjana Nußer, Co-National Coach/Sate Coach Para Climbing
Moderation: Julia Zschiesche

1.00 – 1.45 pm

Stage Hall A6

Synergy Effects Between Inclusion and the Climbing Gym

What can a climbing gym learn from inclusion—and, above all, how can it use that to its advantage? In this workshop, we'd like to discuss these questions with you and our experts, focusing on various key topics. Come join us, share your experiences, and learn from others.

Presenters: Anja Pinzel, Diversity and Inclusion at DAV
Judith Lattner, Diversity and Inclusion at DAV

2.00 – 3.00 pm

WOMEN AT HEIGHT
Booth, Hall A6

Presentation/Workshop: Your Route, Your Style – 9 Practical Tips

As a route setter, how do you create distinctive routes with character? Through nine concrete, practical approaches, you'll learn how to find inspiration, make conscious decisions, and recognize and further develop typical patterns in your style. This also involves striking a balance between creative freedom and the requirements of the gym or target audience. The goal is for you to be able to say after the workshop: *"This is what my routes stand for!"*

Speaker: Rebekka Schütze, Gym Manager DAV-Kletterzentrum Darmstadt

5.00 pm

End of fair