

World's best press pictures come to the Scottish Parliament

The [World Press Photo Exhibition](#) showcases more than 100 of the most compelling and powerful examples of photojournalism taken over the course of 2017. The free exhibition is on display until **Saturday 25 August 2018**.

The images depict stories from a range of categories including contemporary issues, sport, spot news, people, the environment and nature. This year's overall winner is Venezuelan photo-journalist Ronaldo Schemidt and his image of a man catching fire during a violent clash with riot police at a protest in Caracas.

The travelling photography exhibition aims to connect the world to the stories that matter and has been on display in 100 cities across the world, most recently in Tokyo Japan.

Deputy Presiding Officer, Christine Grahame MSP said: "The Scottish Parliament is pleased to once again welcome one of the world's best collections of press photography.

"Not only does the exhibition showcase some of the major breaking news events and international stories that we all know and recognise, but it also importantly shines a light on lesser-known issues all around the world.

"As we're the only location in the UK currently hosting the World Press Photo Exhibition 2018, I would encourage everyone to make the most of this outstanding exhibition and take in the world's photojournalism at its best."

World Press Photo Exhibitions Manager and Curator, Carla Vlaun, said:

"The World Press Photo Foundation's mission is to connect the world to the stories that matter. In this year's exhibition, you will see quality photojournalism showcasing events and topics around the world – from the political and social crisis in Venezuela to elephant sanctuaries in Northern Kenya.

"This year the World Press Photo contest included the environment as a category for the first time, in response to photojournalists increasingly telling the story of human impact on the environment. We hope this new category provides photojournalists with a platform to visualize the many challenges the world faces."

The [World Press Photo Exhibition](#) 2018 will be on display until Saturday 25 August at The Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Parliament is the only parliament in the world to host the exhibition.

This year 73,000 images were submitted by 4,500 photographers from 125 countries. To find out more about the contest, and see the full list of nominees, please visit www.worldpressphoto.org.

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