

Photography – Childhood Disrupted – on till Sunday at Assembly Rooms

‘Childhood Disrupted’, a thought-provoking new photo exhibition is open now until Sunday at Edinburgh’s Assembly Rooms.

Brought to the capital by global children’s charity Plan International UK, the photo exhibition tells stories of survival and hope from children whose lives have been turned upside down by ongoing conflict in South Sudan.



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Through the photography of Kate Holt and Philipp Schütz, guests at the private view heard the stories of children like 12-year old Lim. He and his family walked for weeks on end to find a home away from violence: over four million people have been displaced by the South Sudanese conflict. He, his mother

and brother found safety in an Ethiopian refugee camp, and he is able to enjoy moments of fun and friendship in the space that Plan International UK has set up there.

This is open to the public this weekend and includes a unique chance to see what a child-friendly space like the one Lim enjoys looks and feels like. Guests are also invited to share thoughts of what childhood means to them.

The exhibition was made possible through the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery, whose headquarters are based in Edinburgh. Since partnering in 2017, Plan International UK has received over £5 million in funding from players.



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Laura Chow, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: "These powerful images show there are many young people with difficult but also uplifting stories to tell. These young girls and boys have faced unimaginable suffering, but through strong partnerships and working together, we can make a difference.

"Enabling our players to support organisations like Plan International UK means they are giving children like these a

chance to learn and strive for a better life.”

‘Childhood Disrupted’ is open to the public Friday 31 May – Sunday 2 June, 10am – 7pm. Admission is free. To find out more, visit www.plan-uk.org/childhood



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