

World Press Photo Exhibition at The Scottish Parliament

An exhibition showcasing some of the most thought-provoking photographs produced over the last year is now on display at The Scottish Parliament and opens to the public on Thursday.

The World Press Photo exhibition features more than 120 images illustrating some of the major issues facing the world today. From the effects of the climate crisis to civil rights movements, access to education and preserving indigenous practices and identities. The free exhibition will be displayed in the Scottish Parliament's Main Hall from Thursday 28 July until Saturday 27 August.



World Press Photo Curator Marika Cukrowski Pictured with the overall winning photo by Amber Bracken. Red Dresses are hung on crosses along a road to commemorate children who died at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. as many as 215 unmarked graves have been identified on the school grounds. The World Press Photo exhibition is being held at the Scottish Parliament for the first time since the Covid 19 pandemic. Pic – Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament.

Scottish Parliament Presiding Officer, the Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP, said: "This exhibition connects people to the stories that matter." Year after year, World Press Photo highlights the significant contribution of photojournalism to our understanding of the stories and people that make the headlines. "The Scottish Parliament is the only venue in the UK to host this global exhibition. I hope many of you get the opportunity to come to the Parliament to see this striking display." This year the winners were chosen out of 64,823 photographs and open format entries, by 4,066 photographers from 130 countries."

The exhibition will be open from 10am – 5pm, Monday – Saturday

between Thursday 28 July – Saturday 27 August (last entry will be 4.30pm). No prior booking required.



A red dress along the highway signifies the children who died at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Red dresses are also used to signify the disproportionate number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Amber Bracken for The New York Times



For tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal people – the oldest continuous culture on earth – have been strategically burning the country to manage the landscape and to prevent out of control fires. At the end of the wet season, there's a period of time where this prescribed burning takes place. I visited West Arnhem Land in April/May 2021 and witnessed prescribed aerial and ground burning.



A protestor throws back a tear-gas canister that had been fired by security forces, during a march demanding an end to military rule in Khartoum, Sudan. Taken by Faiz Abubakr Mohamed



Police agents arrest a man while his wife and family resist, during evictions of people from the San Isidro settlement, in Puerto Caldas, Risaralda, Colombia, taken by Vladimir Encina



CAPTION: Antonella gets sleepy while studying, she often studies in bed. She feels lack of motivation. "Nothing beats being in the classroom", she says.

In this picture, I captured the moment she yawns while studying language. Sometimes she studies from bed as she lacks the motivation to get up.

NOTE: The portrait was taken with the explicit consent and in full cooperation with the subject's mother. Both the parents and the subject were adequately informed of the nature, purpose and distribution of the project.