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YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Hundreds of young people aged 4-18 have participated in a Scotland-wide photography competition to document and celebrate their places, spaces and stories.

The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Photography Competition is an annual competition that encourages young people to use photography to explore the buildings, architecture and archaeology in the places they live. The competition is supported by Historic Environment Scotland and Jessops, and the theme for the 2023 competition was My Place, My Space, My Story.

The winning and commended entries were announced on 24 April at The Trades Hall in Glasgow City Centre.

Imogen Campbell from Canal View Primary School, Edinburgh won the Primary-age category for their photograph 'Outside the Shopping Centre'.

Grace Flynn from Kilsyth Academy, North Lanarkshire won the Secondary-age category for their photograph 'Life Through a Puddle'.

Aneel Singh Bhopal, member of the My Place Photography Competition 2023 judging panel and Deputy Director of the West of Scotland Regional Equality Council, said:

"For the third year running I have had the privilege of being part of the judging panel for the My Place Photography Competition. As always, the entries were superb.

The range of creativity and community-focused messaging evoked by the images gave me an immense sense of hope that our young people's social conscience, sensitivity and artistry will serve us well and make Scotland a better place to live in.

I strongly encourage all participants to keep up the great work, whether as a profession, hobby or passion, and utilise their talents for the common good of all."

FULL LIST OF MY PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY 2023 WINNERS AND COMMENDATIONS

PRIMARY-AGE CATEGORY

Winner

Image title: Outside the Shopping Centre
Pupil name: Imogen Campbell
School: Canal View Primary School, Edinburgh

Commended

Image title: Life in 2023
Pupil name: Daisy Samuel
School: Mearns Primary School, Glasgow

Image title: School Corridor
Pupil name: Mia Graham
School: St Monica's Primary School, North Lanarkshire

Image title: Dean's Devil
Pupil name: Lila Sanders
School: Gargieston Primary School, East Ayrshire

Image title: Life Inside a Wall
Pupil name: Charlotte Speirs
School: Gargieston Primary School, East Ayrshire

SECONDARY-AGE CATEGORY

Winner

Image title: Life Through a Puddle
Pupil name: Grace Flynn
School: Kilsyth Academy, North Lanarkshire

Commended

Image title: Urban Explorer
Pupil name: Abeer Akram
School: Boclair Academy, East Dunbartonshire

Image title: Alone
Pupil name: Kenzie Gillies
School: Northfield Academy, Aberdeen

Image title: Raindrops at Dusk
Pupil name: Sarah Loudon
School: George Watson's College, Edinburgh

Image title: Abandonment
Pupil name: Annabel Lightfoot
School: Belmont Academy, South Ayrshire

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[The winning photos can be downloaded and used free of charge](#). Each photo has been named with the winning category, pupil's name, primary school and region. Please be sure to credit appropriately.

About Scottish Civic Trust

Scottish Civic Trust's mission is to celebrate Scotland's built environment, take action for its improvement and empower its communities. The vision which drives this is thriving, beautiful and well cared for buildings and places, which help to support and sustain a high quality of life. More information can be found at scottishcivictrust.org.uk.

Founded in 1967, Scottish Civic Trust exists to help people connect with their built heritage and take a leading role in guiding its development. In its infancy, it successfully campaigned for the restoration of Edinburgh's New Town and was instrumental in saving New Lanark – both now part of Scotland's network of six World Heritage Sites.

In addition to these major milestones, Scottish Civic Trust was also the first to bring Doors Open Day to the UK – now the largest free festival of architecture in the UK – which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2019. More information can be found at doorsopendays.org.uk.

About Historic Environment Scotland

Historic Environment Scotland is the lead public body established to investigate, care for and promote Scotland's historic environment. They are responsible for more than 300 properties of national importance, which combined draw millions over visitors each year. Their conservation experts provide guidance, training and technical research into Scotland's built environment. Through their outreach programme, Historic Environment Scotland promotes community and individual learning engagement with Scotland's heritage. They contribute to the Scottish Government's strategy to tackle climate change and reduce Scotland's carbon footprint.

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