

EXHIBITION 2021

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The best press pictures in the world come to Berlin World Press Photo 2021 & Global Peace Photo Award

- Exhibition at Willy-Brandt-Haus | 1. October - 24. October 2021
- Opening day with exclusive guided tours for visitors: Thursday, 30. September, 12:00 - 17:00h, registration required www.fkwbh.de/tickets
- More information, free online-tickets, opening hours and access regulations: www.fkwbh.de

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- Press visits with winners and curators: Thursday, 30. September, time by arrangement, registration required: presse@freundeskreis-wbh.de
 - More information and press pictures: www.fkwbh.de/presse | presse@freundeskreis-wbh.de | T 030 25 99 37 87 and <https://www.worldpressphoto.org/media-center>

The annual World Press Photo Award is the world's largest and most prestigious competition for press photography. The exhibition is being shown together with the Global Peace Photo Award, which awards the "Peace Image of the Year" since 2013. The two exhibitions can be seen from 1.10. – 24.10.2021 at Willy-Brandt-Haus Berlin and present the winners of the contests. Further information on the exhibitions: www.fkwbh.de

The 2021 World Press Photo Contest

The travelling exhibition will be brought to Berlin with the support of the Savings Banks Cultural Fund of the German Savings Banks Association. Since 1955 the annual World Press Photo Contest has recognized professional photographers for the best pictures - presented as singles or stories in eight categories - contributing to the past year of visual journalism. This year, the contest saw 4,315 photographers from 130 countries enter 74,470 images.

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An independent jury chaired by NayanTara Gurung Kakshapati, selected the best pictures and stories of 2020 and honoured 45 photographers. In an unprecedented year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and social justice protests around the globe, the winners share a diversity of interpretations and perspectives to these and other urgent issues such as the climate crisis, transgender people's rights, and territorial conflicts.

Mads Nissen's photo "The First Embrace" was chosen as the winning image of the 2021 photo competition, making it the "World Press Photo of the Year". The picture shows the first hug of a nursing home resident in Brazil after five months. In the context of the Corona pandemic, no visits were allowed to take place – the special cloak made closeness finally possible again. The "World Press Photo Story of the Year" was awarded to the series "Habibi" by Antonio Faccilongo, which deals with the still unresolved conflict between Palestine and Israel.

Global Peace Photo Award

Parallel to the World Press Photo exhibition, the Freundeskreis Willy-Brandt-Haus shows an overview of the Global Peace Photo Award pictures of recent years. This Award recognizes and promotes photographers from all over the world whose images capture the human quest for a peaceful world and the search for the beautiful and good in our lives. The prize goes to those photographs that best express the idea that our future lies in peaceful coexistence.

Since 2013, the 25-member jury of the Global Peace Photo Award selects the best peace images. The 2020 jury was chaired by french photographer Pascal Maitre, and in 2021 by UNESCO diplomat Eric Falt.

The Peace Image of the Year 2020 is called "Love Story" and comes from the hand of the Iranian photographer Sasan Moayyedi: After the 15-year-old Salah Saeedpour stepped on a landmine on a September day in 2001, in the Iranian-Kurdish province of Marivan near the border with Iraq, he lost several parts of his body. Nevertheless, he trained inexhaustible and was finally awarded various medals in swimming. In 2014 he married the love of his life.

The Children Peace Image of the Year 2020 is the photo "Flight of the Soul" and was taken by 14-year-old Anastasiya Bolshakova. The young Russian woman has photographed a declaration of love to the summer. To the time when - of which she is convinced - "everything lives" and "nature breathes from the full chest". The winners of the 2021 contest will be announced on 21 September.

The exhibition at the Willy-Brandt-Haus is supported by the Austrian Cultural Forum Berlin.

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About Freundeskreis Willy-Brandt-Haus (FkWBH)

Freundeskreis Willy-Brandt-Haus was founded in 1996 as a non-profit association. Since the opening of Willy-Brandt-Haus, FkWBH has provided a varied free programme of events at the interface of culture and politics. In addition to the regular exhibitions, readings, discussions and film evenings are also offered to a wide audience.

About the World Press Photo Foundation

The World Press Photo Foundation is a global platform connecting professionals and audiences through trustworthy visual journalism and storytelling, founded in 1955 when a group of Dutch photographers organized a contest (“World Press Photo”) to expose their work to an international audience. Since then, our mission has expanded. Our contests have grown into the world’s most prestigious competitions, rewarding the best in visual journalism and digital storytelling. Through our successful worldwide exhibition program, we present to millions of people the stories that matter. Our Develop programs - including the 6x6 Global Talent Program, the African Photojournalism Database, the Joop Swart Masterclass, the Solutions Visual Journalism Initiative, and the West Africa Visual Journalism Initiative - encourage stories highlighting different perspectives of the world.

The World Press Photo Foundation is a creative, independent, nonprofit organization, based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We appreciate the support of our global partner, the Dutch Postcode Lottery, and our partners Aegon and PwC.

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About Global Peace Photo Award

Inner peace, peaceful coexistence, peace within a community, peace between nations, international policy of peace – what do we associate with all this? As many important photography awards focus on the conflicts and crises, the wars and catastrophes on our planet, professional awards do not normally highlight what other things humans are capable of. The Global Peace Photo Award, launched in 2013 as the Alfred Fried Photography Award, fills this gap: it shows the various facets of peacefulness. It completes the image of humans by adding their good sides. It honours the pictures which tell about successes rather than failures; of empathy rather than hatred; of things worth preserving rather than destruction; of encouragement rather than agony; and of the human right to beauty. The Global Peace Photo Award aims to discover the best picture of the better side of humans and the positive aspects of changes in this world.

The Global Peace Photo Award is organized by Edition Lammerhuber in partnership with Photographische Gesellschaft (PHG), UNESCO, the Austrian Parliament, the Austrian Parliamentary Reporting Association, the International Press Institute (IPI), the German Youth Photography Award and the World Press Photo Foundation. The prizes are awarded by the Nobel Peace Prize winner of the respective year. In addition, the jury remembers and honors the journalists killed in each year. The winning photos and the 21 shortlisted works travel worldwide, first always to Unesco in Paris and then to the UN in Geneva.

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Every year, around 20,000 images from 160 nations are submitted to the Global Peace Photo Award. The Peace Picture of the Year is endowed with € 10,000 and will be shown for one year in the Austrian Parliament at the entrance to the plenary hall before it is included in the Parliament's art collection.