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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 Jessops, and the theme for the 2024 competition is My Community.

The winning and commended entries were announced on 13 March at The Trades Hall in Glasgow City Centre.

Sydney Vipurs from Gigha Primary School, Argyll and Bute won the Primary-age category for their photograph 'Gigha Past & Present'.

Hannah Smith from 34th Dundee Girl Guides won the Secondary-age category for their photograph 'Winter Wonderland'.

Phoebe Grigor, Photographer and member of the My Place Photography Competition 2024 judging panel, said: *"This year's My Place Photography Competition has offered a valuable snapshot of life across Scotland. For young people more accustomed to taking selfies, it is very revealing to see their gaze turned outwards, capturing their environments as experienced all the way from the Highlands and Islands to the Lowlands. Paying attention to the spaces that we share has the potential to increase engagement and maybe even inspire a more profound sense of community."*

FULL LIST OF MY PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY 2024 WINNERS AND COMMENDATIONS

PRIMARY-AGE CATEGORY

Winner

Image title: Gigha Past & Present
Pupil name: Sydney Vipurs
School: Gigha Primary School, Argyll and Bute

Highly commended

Image title: View of My School
Pupil name: Layla Paterson
School: Canal View Primary School, Edinburgh

Commended

Image title: Parish Church Doorway
Pupil name: Olivia Fenton
School: Galston Primary School, East Ayrshire

Image title: The Road In
Pupil name: Hanna Figurska
School: Burgh Primary School, South Lanarkshire

SECONDARY-AGE CATEGORY

Winner

Image title: Winter Wonderland
Pupil name: Hannah Smith
Group: 34th Dundee Girl Guides

Highly commended

Image title: Crovie Under the Stars
Pupil name: Blair Garrett
School: Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen

Commended

Image title: Reflections in the Glasshouse
Pupil name: Luna Peacock
School: Williamwood High School, East Renfrewshire

Image title: Closing Time
Pupil name: Kacy Harvey
School: Elgin Academy, Moray

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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

Founded in 1967, the Scottish Civic Trust is the national organisation for community, local heritage and civic groups.

The Trust **advocates** at local and national levels to preserve cultural and built heritage, working in partnership with grassroots community organisations to celebrate place and identity.

The Trust **takes action** with planning authorities to protect listed buildings and conservation areas, and empower all community voices through our Diverse Heritage project.

The Trust also **celebrates** our shared places and stories by working with schools, youth groups and community organisations through our My Place programme as well as leading on Doors Open Days, the largest heritage festival in Scotland. More information can be found at www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk.

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