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## **EXHIBITION AND AWARDS CEREMONY CANCELLED**

### OVERALL WINNERS TO BE REVEALED 15 APRIL 2021

The World Photography Organisation has today released the following statement:

*Due to latest UK government guidance, the World Photography Organisation, supported by Sony, has decided to cancel the London exhibition of the Sony World Photography Awards 2021 which was scheduled to go on display in Somerset House from 16 April – 3 May 2021.*

*The Awards' ceremony which was to take place in London has also been cancelled. Overall winners of this year's competitions will be revealed, as planned, on the 15<sup>th</sup> April via digital and video platforms.*

*Category winners, finalists and shortlists across the Awards' four competitions will be announced in the months leading up to the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Announcements will be accompanied by a programme of online events and initiatives to be listed on our website in due course.*

*Exhibitions of the work of this year's winners and shortlists scheduled beyond April 2021 will be assessed closer to the time and in accordance with local health guidelines.*

Below is a schedule of upcoming press announcements:

Student & Youth shortlist  
26 January

National Awards Winners  
9 February

Professional Finalists and Shortlist  
TBC

Outstanding Contribution to Photography  
TBC

Open Category Winners and Shortlist  
TBC

Overall Winners  
15 April

\* TBC dates to be confirmed from February onwards. Please check [worldphoto.org](http://worldphoto.org) for further updates

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **ABOUT SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS**

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards is one of the most important fixtures in the global photographic calendar. Now in its 13th year, the free-to-enter Awards are a global voice for photography and provide a vital insight into contemporary photography today. For both established and emerging artists, the Awards offer world-class opportunities for exposure of their work. The Awards additionally recognise the world's most influential artists working in the medium through the Outstanding Contribution to Photography Awards; previous recipients include Martin Parr, William Eggleston and Nadav Kander.

### **ABOUT WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANISATION**

The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the Sony World Photography Awards, one of the world's leading photography competitions, and PHOTOFAIRS, leading international art fairs dedicated to photography. For more details see [worldphoto.org](http://worldphoto.org). Follow the World Photography Organisation on Instagram (@worldphotoorg), Twitter (@WorldPhotoOrg) and LinkedIn/Facebook (World Photography Organisation). Our hashtags to follow are #sonyworldphotographyawards #swpa.

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