



Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2011 Exhibition!

Opening 26th November 2011 (until 7th January 2012)
Free Admission
Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm

The Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition opens at the Town Hall Galleries, Ipswich on Saturday 26th November 2011. There are over 100 photographs from the competition's 17 categories in a visually stunning and inspiring exhibition that debuted at the Natural History Museum, London and is now on one of the first stops of its tour - in Ipswich!

This is the second year running that this large scale exhibition will be in the heart of the town centre for all to enjoy. Providing this exhibition to the public demonstrates the benefits of this unique museum partnership that both Ipswich and Colchester Borough Council have. Working in this way shows the partnership can now attract national touring exhibitions to the region and give greater access to a range of exciting public exhibitions across a range of mediums.

Cllr. Bryony Rudkin, Ipswich Borough Council's Culture portfolio-holder, said: "These pictures are absolutely stunning and I am pleased this major and free exhibition will be accessible to the public in the middle of the town centre. I hope many, many people take the time to see what the world's best wildlife photographers are able to produce. It is the perfect way to wind down after Christmas shopping!"

The Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition is an international showcase for the very best nature photography. Being placed in the competition, whether commended or a prize-winner, has become the ultimate accolade, one to which photographers worldwide aspire.

The much coveted title of Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2011 was awarded to Spanish photographer Daniel Beltrá for his image '*Still life in oil*', a striking image of eight brown pelicans rescued from an oil spill, from his six-

image portfolio for the Wildlife Photojournalist of the Year Award.

Daniel took the image at a temporary bird-rescue facility in Fort Jackson, Louisiana. He describes how “crude oil trickles off the feathers of the rescued brown pelicans, turning the white lining sheets into a sticky, stinking mess”.

Chair of the judging panel, Mark Carwardine, described the image as “a strong environmental statement, technical perfection and a work of art all rolled into one. The sheer simplicity of this powerful image makes it really beautiful and shocking at the same time.”

This fantastic exhibition showcases stunning images captured from the natural world around us. You can explore these wonderful photographs, then take a visit to Ipswich Museum (which is just round the corner) to find out more about the natural world and the creatures we share it with. Admission to the Town Hall Galleries and Ipswich Museum are both FREE!

Town Hall Galleries

Town Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 1BH

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Ipswich Museum

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