

University Celebrates Images of Research



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A photograph showing a Malawian farmer was chosen by the public as the winner of a competition to highlight research at the University of Worcester.

The photo of Ivy Trindade was taken by [Dr Alan Dixon](#), and reflected his research into sustainable agricultural methods in Malawi.

The Images of [Research](#) competition was organised by the University's Researcher Development team, Dr Jacqueline Taylor and Rosie Plimmer, and asked researchers at the University to submit an image which encapsulated their research accompanied by a short explanatory text.

The competition attracted researchers, both staff and student, from a wide range of disciplines with fine art experts sitting alongside sports scientists, geographers and psychologists.

An exhibition of the submitted images, curated by Dr Taylor, was held at [The Hive](#) earlier this month and visitors to The Hive were asked to vote for their favourites for the Public Choice Award.



Alongside this, a panel of expert judges – the University's Pro Vice Chancellor Academic, Professor Sarah Greer, County Arts Officer, Steve Wilson, and Worcester-based artist and gallery owner Nathaniel Pitt – deliberated over the Overall Winner.

While the Public Choice Award went to Dr Alan Dixon, two Overall winners, one staff, one student, were selected by the judges: Clare Bennett, whose image of two young children sitting on a beach was a reflection of her research on the role of fathers in children's development; and Alice Burgin, a first year PhD student, whose image of a balancing athlete, described her research examining the balance between physical activity and overeating.

Dr John-Paul Wilson, Director of Research at the University, said: "The competition was about getting our researchers to think about how they communicate the often complex ideas at the heart of their research simply and effectively to a wider audience. It's important that the public know about our research, partly because much of what we do has positive benefits for society, but also because we want to know what the public think about our research and their views on how we might enhance the impact it is having in the real world."



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