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# World Netball Announces Winner of 'Your Netball World' Virtual Mosaic Competition

Following the International Netball Federation's (INF) official rebrand to World Netball and launch of its consumer campaign - 'Your Netball World' - World Netball has announced the winner of its virtual mosaic competition.

Olivia Simone from the United Kingdom was one of over 1,400 individuals who submitted their image and message to the World Netball virtual mosaic which celebrated netball stories and showcased the international netball family. Olivia was picked at random following her submission to the competition and has won a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to the Netball World Cup 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Olivia's entry showed her playing netball amongst friends alongside a message which said "I'll never stop playing netball. It shaped me into who I am today. More confident and more sure of myself. I'm trying to win at life on my own terms. Netball has always been there, helping me overcome life challenges. I've played this sport for 16 years."

Commenting on her win, Olivia said: "I cannot believe that I am the lucky winner of this incredible competition. When World Netball contacted me, I thought it was a prank, but after realising that I was indeed the winner I am absolutely ecstatic. Netball has been a big part of my life for many years, and it was my secondary netball coach who encouraged me to be a great player. I can't wait to attend World Netball's flagship event in the city of Cape Town, South Africa."

World Netball CEO, Clare Briegal, comments: "Congratulations to Olivia on winning a trip to the Netball World Cup 2023, Cape Town. The virtual mosaic showcased hundreds of netball stories from all around the world and it was great to see so many inspiring, skilled, and enthusiastic netballers, and hear about their stories. The whole world is excited for 2023 and I am sure Olivia is the same."

The World Netball virtual mosaic was filled with inspirational stories from athletes, officials, and grassroots netball payers from around the world. With individual messages from every continent and big netball names such as South Africa SPAR Proteas Karla Pretorius, Botswana International Francinah Eyman, and Jamaican International Shamera Sterling, the mosaic celebrated a world united by our unique sport.

To view the World Netball virtual mosaic, click here.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

World Netball is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball affiliated to GAISF, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

World Netball creates a better world through netball, inspiring netballers to embrace opportunities and achieve their potential. Netball is played in more than 100 countries around the world with 76 National Netball Associations affiliated to World Netball. The associations are grouped into five Regions – Africa Netball, Americas Netball, Asia Netball, Europe Netball and Oceania Netball – each with a respective Regional Federation. Regional Federations are an integral part of the global governance structure and assist in the implementation of World Netball policies and the development of the sport in their respective regions.

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