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Benchmarking The World!

A new online photo-project has just launched which aims to celebrate the world's favourite benches. The World Bench Project features photographs and stories with the humble bench as the star. It's free, a bit of fun and everyone is invited to upload a bench to the website: www.theworldbenchproject.com

Can you help this crowd-sourced project reach its goal? We want to show lots of benches AND at least one bench from every country on the globe. At the last count that would be 193 sovereign states!

Already there are 16 countries featured on the website from Mexico right across to New Zealand. Popular benches so far include the longest bench in the world; a 120 m stunner from the lofty slopes of Switzerland. There's an ornate wooden Chinese bench inhabited by sleepy natives and a gorgeous colourful mosaic-clad offering in Alegiciras in Spain.

Just grab a camera or phone and photograph your bench. It could be a special bench near to where you live or maybe it is from a place you have visited. Your photo could just be a fab image or feature an odd-looking bench. Perhaps it shows somewhere you once sat and enjoyed an amazing view. Maybe the people on the bench mean something to you?

With an interactive map and an easy voting system The World Bench Project website raises a smile. It shows wherever on the planet we are, making time to relax and enjoy the surroundings provides one of life's simple pleasures.

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Notes to Editor

The World Bench Project is the brainchild of Manchester-based freelance photographer and blogger Gill Moore. The website grew from Gill's photography exhibition [The Chorlton Bench Project, shot for the Chorlton Arts Festival in 2008](#). The Chorlton Bench Project aimed to find the most popular bench in Gill's local area of Chorlton, Manchester, England.

Further information on The World Bench Project: www.theworldbenchproject.com/about

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