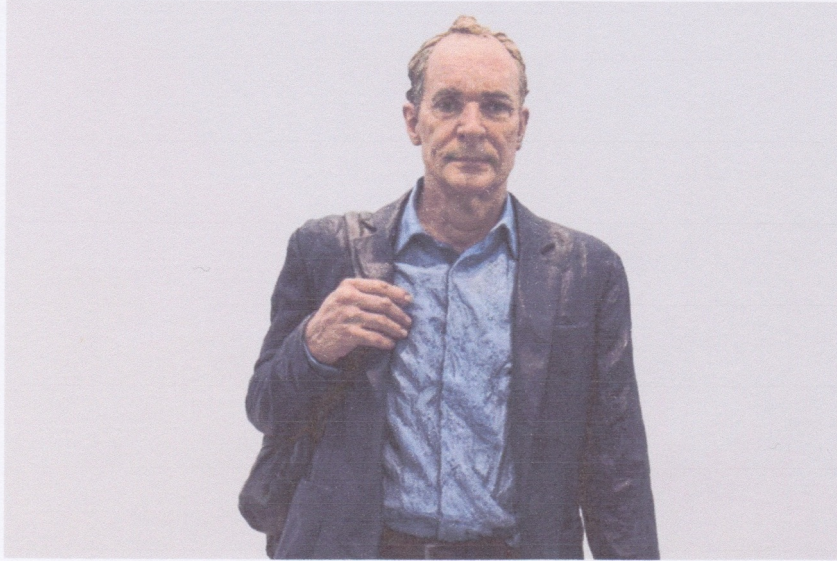


## Tim Berners-Lee sculpture unveiled at National Portrait Gallery

World Wide Web founder honoured in sculpture by artist Sean Henry



Leading figure: The sculpture of Tim Berners-Lee (Picture: Stefan Rousseau/PA Wire)

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The founder of the World Wide Web, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, has been immortalised in a sculpture to mark his 60th birthday.

The painted bronze shows him standing on a plinth, carrying the leather rucksack in which he keeps his laptop. It was created for the National Portrait Gallery by the Woking-born artist Sean Henry. Henry spent two days studying and photographing Berners-Lee before creating his sculpture, which is a two-thirds life-size statue.

Rosie Broadley, associate curator at the NPG, said: "The depiction of the sitter is resolutely contemporary, but the use of bronze has a timeless and permanent quality appropriate for a sitter with such a significant legacy."

Sir Tim, who was born in London, created the World Wide Web in 1989 when working for CERN in Switzerland.