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International charity Oxfam faces backlash after posting a now-deleted video showing a woman wearing a 'TERF' badge - with some comparing the likeness to the controversial Harry Potter author.

British-founded charity Oxfam faces backlash after posting a now-deleted video showing a woman wearing a 'TERF' badge - with some comparing the likeness to the controversial Harry Potter author.

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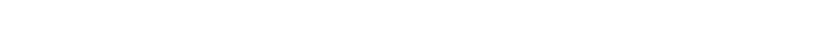
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Oxfam's video posted on social media included an image of an angry-looking woman with red hair and eyes and wearing a 'TERF' badge.

The footage immediately sparked backlash over the figure's close resemblance to the Harry Potter author, who has drawn criticism over her divisive views on gender identity. (<https://www.euronews.com/culture/2022/01/06/jk-rowling-s-name-dropped-from-british-school-building-over-author-s-opinions-on-trans-peo>)

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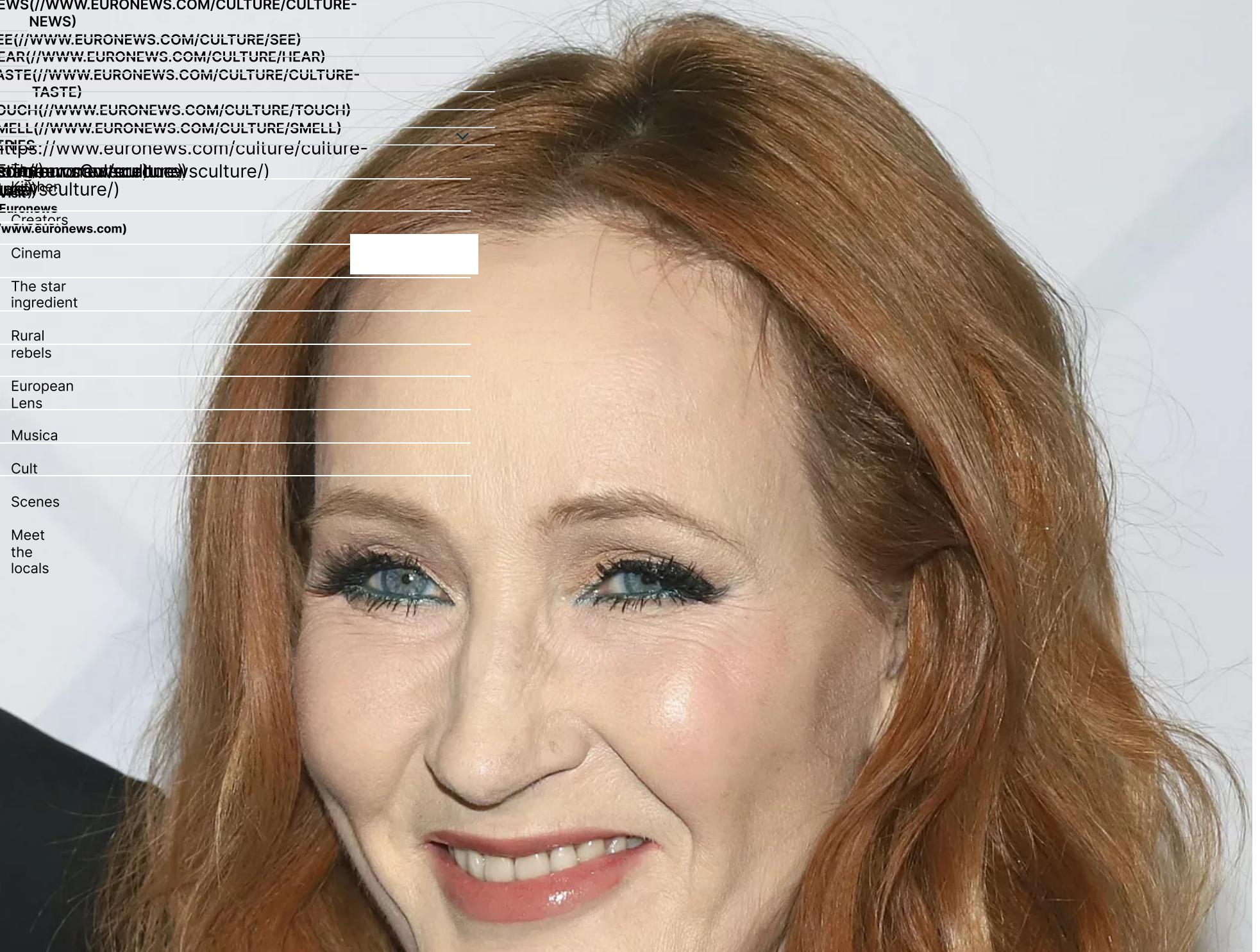
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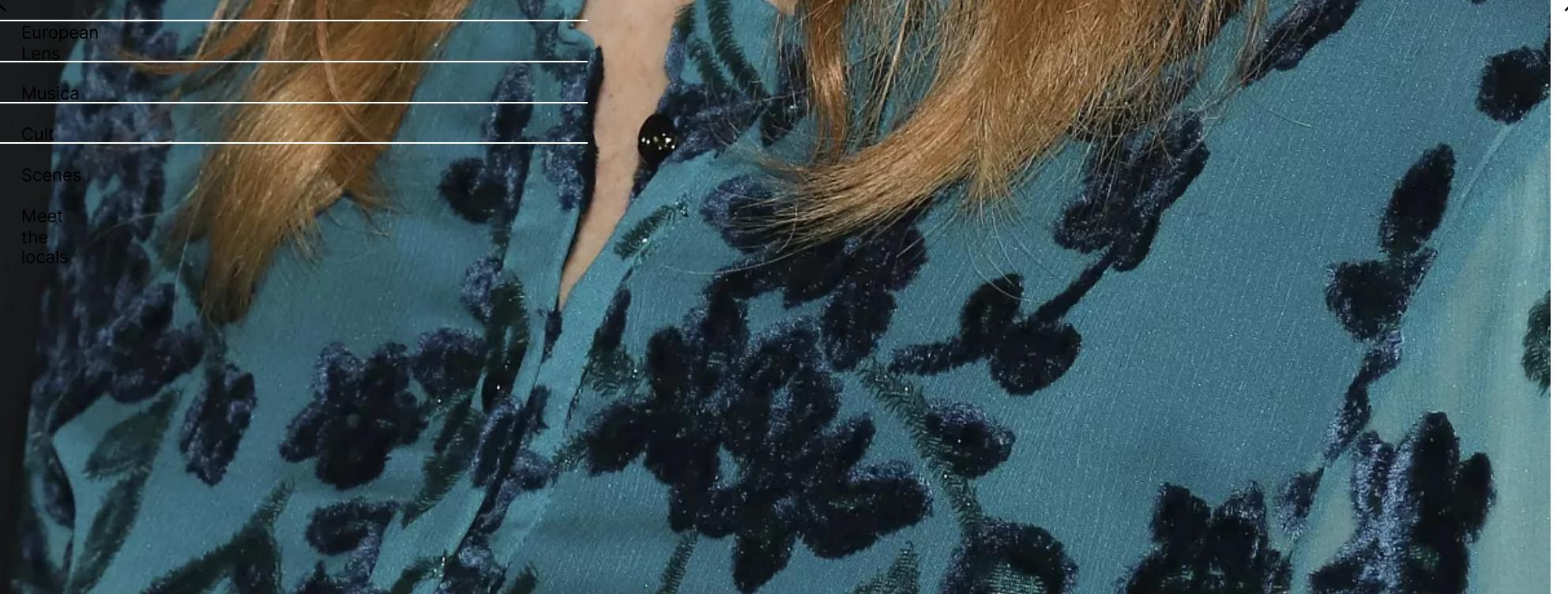
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Rowling pictured with red hair in 2019 - 2019 Invision

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~~JK Rowling was threatened as a result in 2020 following her decision to post a number of critical tweets, drawing a furious backlash~~

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Following internet-wide criticism, Oxfam made the decision to remove and re-upload the video, editing out the woman and the TERF reference, after apologising "for the

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In a statement, the charity insisted there had been no intention for the cartoon to "have portrayed any particular person or people", adding: "We fully support both an individual's rights to hold their philosophical beliefs and a person's right to have their identity respected, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics".

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Despite claiming they had made a mistake when, in fact, they merely meant to "make an important point about the real harm caused by transphobia", Oxfam was criticised by people on both sides of the TERF debate on social media platforms after their decision to backtrack.

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For years I have donated books to Oxfam, raising hundreds of pounds according to the letters you sent me. Never again - I will donate to other charities that don't promote ludicrous gender ideology & publish slurs against women.

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One Twitter user wrote: "I will donate to other charities that don't promote ludicrous gender ideology and publish slurs against women", while others accused the organisation of "pushing trans ideology" and bowing to the demands of "anti-trans fanatics".

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J.K. Rowling has refused to comment on the situation, but the trans debate continues to heat up.

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Oxford University's LGBTQ+ Society protests Kathleen Stock's talk at the Union last week - AFP via Getty Images

Even Prime Minister Rishi Sunak waded into the debate, saying Professor Stock's talk should be allowed to proceed: "Agree or disagree with her, Professor Stock is an important figure in this argument. Students should be allowed to hear and debate her views", adding that university "should be an environment where debate is supported, not stifle". We mustn't allow a small but vocal few to shut down discussion."

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