

Digital Photography For Beginners L1A

This is a level 1A course, offering an engaging introduction to photography for beginners. Learning will focus on camera functions and creative techniques. Participants will gain confidence in taking photos while exploring various styles, including still life and portrait photography, both in studio settings and on - location shoots. Emphasis will be placed on hands-on practice, making the learning experience enjoyable and applicable.

If you are interested in developing your creative skills, book onto one of our courses from the Creative Arts offer.

Start Date: 18 January 2027
Start Time: 19:00
Lessons: 12
Weeks: 12
Hours: 24.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
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WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Be able to adjust at least two different settings on their camera independently to give the best results.
2. Experiment with exposure, focus and compositions in a studio situation to produce at least three images.
3. Compose at least one photograph using the rule of thirds.
4. Create at least one long exposure using flash guns and lights.

You will work on creating a short portfolio of photos to be presented during the end of the course.

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new photography -based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

Suitable for beginners

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

Please bring to the first session

- A digital SLR camera (the course may be suitable for those with compact digital cameras, however, they must have manual exposure controls and a lens with an optical zoom covering wide -angle to telephoto focal lengths and ideally a hot shoe.)
 - Instruction manual and leads for your camera
 - Pen & pencil
- You will be provided with a sketch book

- Future lessons a tripod would be used during practical demonstrations.

Some of your guided learning hours will be used to set the group and individual learning targets for the course. You will receive feedback from your Tutor to enable you to fully develop and progress.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

Please note the following costs are not included in the course fee:
Digital printing and paper costs.
You must provide your own camera and tripod.

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Multiple sessions-

To get the most out of the course:

- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that photography involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Photography activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor
- Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
- By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.