

QCG Photography Resources

Exhibitions & Competitions

Information on 2022 exhibitions and competitions to follow

Set Subjects

Different competitions will define these set subjects in different ways. These resources will give you ideas to get started, but always remember to check the competition definition.

Abstract

<https://www.theartstory.org/movement/abstract-photography>

<https://www.phototraces.com/creative-photography/famous-abstract-photographers/>

Some abstract ideas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-nnDzB5IYE>

After Dark

<https://digital-photography-school.com/ultimate-guide-night-photography/>

<https://photography.tutsplus.com/articles/into-the-dark-100-beautiful-examples-of-night-photography--photo-4164>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/long-exposure-night-photography/>

Black and White

<https://photographylife.com/black-and-white-photography>

<https://theartling.com/en/artzine/black-and-white-photography/>

<https://photographytalking.com/2020/01/23/black-and-white-photography>

Climate Change

There are many suggested climate change related themes/images in these two links:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/climate-change-photos/19/>

<https://pixabay.com/images/search/climate%20change/>

High Key

<https://photzy.com/how-to-create-dazzling-high-key-photography/>

<https://www.photoworkout.com/high-key-photography/>

High Key Landscape Post-Processing In Adobe Lightroom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0FF3fIOo1s>

In Camera Creative

Double Exposure

<https://photzy.com/in-camera-multiple-exposure-free-quick-guide/> This is an eBook.

<https://abeautifulmess.com/how-to-shoot-a-double-exposure-in-camera/>

<https://www.diyphotography.net/the-ultimate-double-exposure-photography-guide/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/create-camera-double-exposures/>

Panning

<https://www.nikonusa.com/en/learn-and-explore/a/tips-and-techniques/10-tips-for-better-camera-panning.html>

<https://photzy.com/panning-to-perfection-free-quick-guide/> This is an eBook.

Intentional Camera Movement

<https://petapixel.com/2020/03/19/an-intro-to-intentional-camera-movement-icm-photography/>

<https://photzy.com/mastering-intentional-camera-movement/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-take-creative-landscape-shots-using-intentional-camera-movement>

Learn to light paint:

<https://expertphotography.com/how-to-light-painting/>

<http://digitalmastery.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/LearnToLightpaint.pdf>

Minimalism

<https://www.thephotograph.com/minimalist-photography/>

<https://www.myclickmagazine.com/minimalist-photography-composition/>

<https://www.format.com/magazine/resources/photography/minimalist-photography>

<https://contrastly.com/how-to-infuse-your-compositions-with-a-dose-of-minimalism/>

Five steps to incredible minimalism photography:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih4lnLiYbiU>

Nature/Wildlife

<https://www.mimeophotos.com/blog/nature-photography-tips>

<https://expertphotography.com/nature-photography-tips/>

Suite of Jan Wegener YouTube videos on bird photography:

Example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne-vkwitp9k>

Birds in flight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69jcmNbgGrU>

Negative space

<https://expertphotography.com/negative-space-photography/>

<https://www.iphotography.com/blog/negative-space/>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/negative-space-in-photography/>

People

<https://www.digitalphotomentor.com/top-14-people-photography-mistakes-to-avoid/>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/taking-photos-in-public-what-are-your-rights-20161214-gtb1jt.html>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/portrait-photography-tips/>

Portraits

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/portrait-photography-tips/>

<https://photographylife.com/portrait-photography-tips>

'Scapes

<https://photographylife.com/definition/landscape-photography>

<https://iceland-photo-tours.com/articles/landscape-and-nature-photography/what-is-landscape-photography>

The ultimate Guide to Landscape Photography:

<https://digital-photography-school.com/ultimate-guide-landscape-photography/>

Top ten Landscape views of Isle of Skye:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMYbn_OyQjs

Five simple tips to improve your seascape photography:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1u-AJs28Pc>

Silhouettes

<https://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-photograph-silhouettes/>

<https://improvephotography.com/33518/14-tips-shooting-stunning-silhouettes/>

<https://www.nikonusa.com/en/learn-and-explore/a/tips-and-techniques/how-to-shoot-a-silhouette.html>

Social Documentary

<https://contrastly.com/documentary-photography-101-tips-tricks-and-other-important-details/>

Sport

<https://digitalrev.com/2012/07/18/10-sports-photography-tips-for-beginners/>

<https://photographylife.com/sports-photography-tips>

Still Life

<https://www.format.com/magazine/resources/photography/still-life-photography-ideas-and-tips>

<https://photzy.com/beginners-guide-to-still-life-photography/> (also available as a downloadable PDF at this link).

Still Life Artists

- Juan Sánchez Cotán -San Diego Museum of Art
<https://youtu.be/JYIWPXhtj3M>
- John Honeywill
<https://youtu.be/Q9X2UTSifm0>
- Marion Drewe
<https://mariandrew.com.au/>
- Joachim Froese (Australian contemporary art photographer who lives and works in Brisbane and Berlin)
<http://www.joachimfroese.com/>

Street

<https://photographylife.com/what-is-street-photography>

<https://www.lensculture.com/articles/lensculture-editors-street-photography-guide> This is an eBook.

<https://digital-photography-school.com/ultimate-guide-street-photography/> This is an eBook.

The Street Photography Composition Manual at:

<https://erickimphotography.com/blog/2015/07/01/the-street-photography-composition-manual/>

<https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/street-photographers-rights/>

Some street shot ideas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijb0amENOOE>

Eric Kim - street photography tips and videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9bSEn3-fotWeUq2QEdyz2cL2vkFR5fcF>

Eric Kim free online street classes:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9bSEn3-fotWBdJ2V9kRvXlsV3wQsEaxO>

Water

<https://www.diyphotography.net/the-comprehensive-water-drop-photography-guide/>

<https://www.outdoorphotographyguide.com/article/photographing-water-ideas/>

Strategies for Photography competitions

Read this first before entering any competitions:

<https://www.poppphoto.com/news/photo-contest-psa/>

Photography Judge's Manual 2020 / Photographic Society of Queensland:

http://www.psq.org.au/uploads/9/2/9/2/92924276/2020-11-26_psq_judges_manual.pdf

<https://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-win-a-photography-competition/>

<https://fstoppers.com/contests/what-i-learned-about-joining-photography-competitions-521852>

<https://www.dpmag.com/how-to/shooting/photo-contest-tips-from-the-judges/>

Ebook LensCulture-Competition Guide:

<https://www.lensculture.com/articles/insiders-guide-how-to-get-the-most-out-of-photography-competitions>

Creating Good Images

Composition

Ebook-Journey-In-Composition-Phase-One:

<https://go.phaseone.com/rs/531-KBI-855/images/Ebook-Journey-In-Composition-Phase-One.pdf>

Ebook Quick Guide Composition:

<https://photzy.com/free-guide-photography-composition/>

Ebooks

EBook A practical guide to photography:

<https://ianmiddletonphotography.com/free-photography-ebook/>

Ebook Ian Plant (25 free books from Ian Plant):

<https://dominiktomczyk.com/25-free-photography-e-books/>

Photzy - can get all 250 free Ebooks - (provide email to get the link sent):

https://photzy.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwrsGCBhD1ARIsALILBYrfwLtwuK_B36-wwW-iTleTl8i8F9x2l06gvkM-gbTc-jmJ7sYmP0aAt6zEALw_wcB

Sharper photos:

<https://www.bloglovin.com/blogs/digital-camera-world-3701619/download-our-free-ebook-a-photographers-guide-3975644335>

Photography Websites

Digital photography school (register for weekly emails containing tips):

<https://digital-photography-school.com/>

Coles Classroom:

<https://www.colesclassroom.com/>

Adam Williams, Easyway (online tuition particularly Photoshop):

<https://www.easywayphotography.com.au/>

A learning community for photographers:

<https://www.cambridgeincolour.com/>

An excellent source of news, articles and reviews, plenty of how-to guides, from beginners' tips through to more advanced tutorials:

<https://photographylife.com/>

Learn about lighting:

<https://strobist.blogspot.com/2006/03/lighting-101.html>

Useful information, inspiration, techniques and photographer showcases:

<https://www.thephotoargus.com/>

Educational and wildlife:

<https://backcountrygallery.com/>

Joel Myerowitz masterclasses (free photography lessons):

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLogseqP2QsGpt6h5ro0UEIWIJjyv8a8TZ>

Long Exposure:

<https://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-photograph-long-exposures-to-create-dreamy-images/>

<https://capturelandscapes.com/ultimate-guide-long-exposure-photography/>

Astro photography:

<https://luketscharke.com/shoot-milky-way/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XWFeeSI-Gc>

Face to Face Tuition

Dean Holland, Take Better Photos (for face to face tuition):

<https://www.deanholland.com.au/>

Technical info

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/au/buying-guides/best-tripod>

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/au/buying-guides/the-best-neutral-density-filters>

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/au/features/dslr-vs-mirrorless-cameras-how-do-they-compare>

<https://photographylife.com/raw-vs-jpeg>

Camera workings and terms

See links below for eBooks on back button:

<https://photzy.com/back-button-focus-free-quick-guide/>

<https://photzy.com/photography-terms-and-acronyms-explained/>

<https://photzy.com/understanding-shooting-modes/>

<https://photzy.com/aperture-priority-vs-shutter-priority/>

Camera and Lens reviews

<https://photographylife.com/>

General Photographic Websites

1x:

<https://gamma.1x.com/gallery>

Photography Online series (monthly) of YouTube videos (concentrating on landscapes) produced on the Isle of Skye. First edition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKFlAxUO68&t=2s>

Photography life:

<https://photographylife.com/>

<https://davidduchemin.com/>

Internet interaction

Upload Pictures

Upload and store pictures and get comments:

<https://www.flickr.com/explore>

<https://www.instagram.com/>

<https://www.viewbug.com/>

<https://500px.com/>

Photography hosting sites

Sites where pictures are stored and presented that require an annual fee:

Zenfolio:

<https://zenfolio.com/au>

Smugmug:

<https://www.smugmug.com/plans>

A comparison between the two:

<https://photographylife.com/zenfolio-vs-smugmug>

Facebook Groups

Some Facebook Groups to join:

Share photos, go on shoots in Brisbane etc:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/iPhotographMagic/>

SEQ Portrait Photography (Natural light Portraits - free):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/439573283892468>

Nikon Users Meetup Brisbane:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/275446340192569>

Canon Users Tips and Advice:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/157146364480151>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PhotographyAdviceAndEducation>

Instagram sites

Some interesting sites to follow:

General Photos

[@natgeotravel](#)

[@natgeoadventure](#)

[@natgeoau](#)

[@1x](#)

[@35awards](#)

[@viewbug](#)

Mostly Landscapes:

General

[@earthpix](#)

[@eclectic_shotz](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/dreamworldimages/>

Mostly mountains

[@maxrivephotography](https://www.instagram.com/maxrivephotography)

Mostly New Zealand

[@rachstewartnz/](https://www.instagram.com/rachstewartnz/)

Mostly Australia

<https://www.instagram.com/miekeboyntonphotography/>

Waves

<https://www.instagram.com/clarklittle/>

Software

General

Ebook -:

<https://rockynook.com/free-ebook-how-do-i-do-that-in-lightroom-and-photoshop/>

Lightroom

General

<https://helpx.adobe.com/au/lightroom-cc/view-all-tutorials.html>

<https://www.lightroomqueen.com/>

<https://laurashoe.com/>

<https://lightroomkillertips.com/>

Tips

<https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/kb/optimize-performance-lightroom.html>

<https://www.lightroomqueen.com/keyboard-shortcuts/>

<https://petapixel.com/2019/10/08/four-subtle-lightroom-adjustments-for-better-portraits/>

<https://laurashoe.com/clean-up-your-lightroom-mess>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/dodging-and-burning-in-lightroom>

<https://digital-photography-school.com/image-size-and-resolution-explained-for-print-and-on-screen/>

New Lightroom Masking

<https://www.lightroompresets.com/blogs/pretty-presets-blog/how-to-use-the-masking-feature-in-lightroom-classic-version-11>

<https://photoshopcafe.com/use-new-masking-ai-lightroom-2022-lightroom-12/>

Lightroom Keyboard shortcuts:

<https://helpx.adobe.com/lightroom-classic/help/keyboard-shortcuts.html>

Photoshop

General

<https://helpx.adobe.com/au/photoshop/view-all-tutorials.html>

General Photoshop Courses with Julianne Kost:

<https://www.lynda.com/Julianne-Kost/1059150-1.html>

Piximperfect suite of YouTube videos e.g. how to remove glare from glasses:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plOsuoh0eFg>

Tips

<https://jkost.com/blog/2019/11/increase-your-photoshop-productivity-with-tips-and-tricks-from-a-z-adobe-max.html>

Add canvas to the edges of photos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=L1uAZY_iLB4&mc_cid=678af46cae&mc_eid=76d81f2f70

Removing objects from photo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSvnViOfgv0>

Improve eye details

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hj_WYxRGkjQ

Ebook - how to use Content aware fill tools:

<https://photzy.com/how-to-use-content-aware-fill-tools-in-lightroom-and-photoshop-free-quick-guide/>

Plugins

<https://thepropanel.com/>

Review

<https://fstoppers.com/originals/pro-panel-photoshop-can-save-you-time-and-effort-529335>

Summary of the best noise reduction software

<https://www.phototraces.com/b/noise-reduction-software/>

Topaz suite (sharpening, noise reduction etc)

www.topazlabs.com

DXO Photolab (Nik Collection)

www.dxo.com

The fader - allows you to change the opacity of your presets in Lightroom

<https://www.capturemonkey.com/thefader/>