

Course content – 5x 2hr sessions

Objective – to give a grounding and understanding of digital photography, understanding the camera and how to use it creatively.

Session 1

Carrying and holding your camera
Stabilising your camera
Auto focus versus manual focus
Let's get off P mode
Automatic settings versus aperture/shutter priority & fully manual
Basic understanding of – changing aperture, shutter speed, ISO
Exposure compensation

Practical – exercise to re-enforce basic understanding

Session 2

Lenses – wide angle , macro, telephoto
Exposure/metering modes
Basic histograms
Depth of field (DOF)
Exposure locking
Motor drives
Light – what is colour temperature
White balance compensation

Practical – exercise to re-enforce basic understanding

Session 3

Flash – on camera/off camera
Composition – changing your point of view
Rules of thirds
Controlling detail

Practical – exercise to re-enforce basic understanding

Session 4

Calibration – monitor/printer
Software free versus bought
Adobe Photoshop/Elements/Lightroom versus the rest
Image manipulation – exposure compensation, retouching

Practical – exercise to re-enforce basic understanding

Session 5

Email and online storage
Making hardcopies of images
Home printing vs Online printing
Making photo books
Protecting your images – copyright advise

Practical – exercise to re-enforce basic understanding