# **Digital Photography For Beginners**



Start Date: 01 October 2025

Start Time: 19:00 Lessons: 12 Weeks: 12 Hours: 24.00

#### Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre Rochester Community Hub Eastgate ME1 1EW

#### What Will I Learn On This Course?

Learners will:

- 1. Be able to adjust at least 2 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 3 images.
- 3. Compose at least 1 photograph using the rule of thirds.
- 4. Create at least 1 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:

You will need to prepare the following tools and equipment before the start of the course:

Please bring to the first session

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

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:

Provide your own camera and tripod.

Digital printing and paper costs.

# What Could I Go On To Do After This Course?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available. Your progression course is R25101A Digital photography masterclass - intermediate

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 your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time, please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

## **Health & Safety**

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By participating in the live class, you accept that you understand that photography involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability.

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities. You understand that this is a photography activity, and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working with photography materials. MAE is not responsible for damage to items in your house / home or person.

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