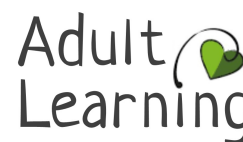


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SUNP08 - Introduction To Smartphone Photography

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Start Date: 28 February 2026
End Date: 28 March 2026
Start Time: 10:00AM
End Time: 12:00PM
Day: Saturday
Sessions: 5
Tutor: Mr Graham Fudger

What will I learn?

Across five weeks, you will gain foundational skills in smartphone photography, building confidence in using your device creatively and technically. By the end of the course you will be able to describe the capabilities of your smartphone's app-based imaging system and explore taking photographs in a natural outdoor setting, use your screen as a compositional tool, learning key theories of composition while exploring lines, shapes and patterns in the urban environment, identify different forms of light and learn how to use them creatively both indoors and outdoors, gain insight into subject choice by exploring forms of photographic practice such as fine art, documentary and publicity, plan your own personal shoot for the weekend based on your interests, edit your images into coherent sets, and apply basic technical adjustments to individual digital images using smartphone editing tools or free apps. Throughout the course you will develop a personal photographic style, learn to work intentionally with subject and light, and build a small portfolio of images.

What will I need to take part?

A smartphone with a built-in camera (Apple or Android).

Sufficient storage space for taking photographs and saving edited images.

A fully charged battery for every session.

Weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor sessions (raincoat, comfortable shoes, warm layers as needed).

Optional: earphones, tripod, phone clamp, or lenses (not essential).

No prior photography experience is required.

What to expect

A supportive, hands-on learning environment with practical indoor and outdoor activities. Short tutor demonstrations followed by guided practice and personal exploration. Group discussion and image-sharing sessions where you'll receive constructive feedback. A blend of technical skills, creative exercises, and real-world photo challenges. Outdoor activities in nature and urban settings, adapted to indoor alternatives if weather conditions are poor. A weekend mini-assignment in Week 4 to prepare images for editing and review in Week 5. All location-based activities are weather permitting. If weather is unsuitable, activities will be adapted for indoor practice.

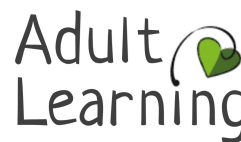
Where can it lead to?

This introductory course provides a foundation for further creative and technical development. After completing the course, you may progress to:

- Intermediate smartphone photograph
- Creative photography projects or themed workshops
- Digital image editing or photo storytelling courses
- Social media content creation
- Community arts classes
- Building a personal portfolio for hobby or professional pathways

Smartphone photography skills are valuable for personal creativity, documentation, social media, small business promotion, and developing a broader interest in art and visual communication.

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Course eligibility and fees

This course is for residents of Northamptonshire aged 19+. Fees are payable on enrolment as published on the booking page. If you are in receipt of certain benefits or in employment and earning a low salary, you could be eligible for reduced fees. If you are not sure what support you are eligible for please phone our office between 10-4 on weekdays 0300 303 1058 or email adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk.

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