Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet

SUNP25 - Introduction To Smartphone Photography

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Start Date:	20 February 2027
End Date:	20 March 2027
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 adult learning course is available to residents of Northamptonshire who are:
- aged 19 or over on 31st August in the funding year
- living in England, outside a devolved adult skills funding area.
- ordinarily resident in England on the first day of learning.
- Resident in England for the duration of your learning.

If you don't meet the above requirements, including some international students or people not ordinarily resident in the UK, you will not be able attend this course.

Asylum seekers may be eligible to attend in some circumstances, including where they have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered, or where they receive certain types of local authority support.

Fees are payable on enrolment as published on the booking page.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or in employment and earning below £25,750 a year, you may be eligible for reduced fees.

Under certain circumstances you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity, residency, prior qualifications and where relevant, benefits or income.

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.

Northamptonshire Adult Learning Service work in partnership with National Careers Service advisers who can provide information, advice and guidance on skills, learning and work. National Careers Service can contacted by telephone 0800 100 900 or text your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 and an adviser will call you back for free or go to https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/

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