



SCPF Level 1 Appraisal Workshop 2018

Thank you for your interest in becoming a judge with Southern Counties Photographic Federation.

Competition is still a mainstay of club programmes, and it is vitally important that we maintain a good throughput of new judges to be able to support clubs in our region.

We are running a two day **Level 1 Appraisal Training Workshop** on consecutive Sundays 25th November and 2nd December 2018 at Littleton near Winchester.

This is a practical and professional two-day workshop allowing prospective new judges to both understand theory and to practise in a safe environment.

Aims

This course is aimed at photographers who would like to become a judge on the club circuit.

This is not a course about what does or does not make a good photograph – we hope you already have a good feel for that. There is one primary objective:

To develop your ability to speak confidently and intelligently to an audience about photography, whilst giving feedback to photographers about their work.

Specifically, we will cover the following aims:

- To understand the Core Qualities and Role of a photography appraiser ;
- To develop and practice Appraisal Skills – giving feedback confidently and positively;
- To develop and practice Presentation skills - especially speaking and body language;
- To be aware of how you apply your Photographic Understanding;
- To discuss and be aware of the challenges of Marking;
- To be aware of your own Organisation and Approach;
- To be aware of the judging accreditation process and expenses scheme;

The underlined phrases in the list of aims are the Competencies that together make up a full set of skills for the photography appraiser. These competencies are expanded into a detailed checklist which can be used by us as judges for self-evaluation, and by assessors and clubs to guide providing feedback.

The Core Qualities are paramount and, when fully grasped, allow a growth-promoting interaction between the appraiser and the person whose photograph is being appraised. They are nothing to do with photography; they are about giving feedback in the right way always.

Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites for attending the course. Training is open to anyone who is keen and willing.

It does not follow that good photographers make good appraisers. Although photography competence and knowledge are important, they are not the key factors in determining who will make a good appraiser; Judging is about personal skills.

However please think carefully about the following:

1. You should be (or commit to become) a member of a SCPF club.
2. Having photographic distinctions is not necessary, but you should be established in your own photography and confident in your knowledge to be able to speak before an audience.
3. Although not obligatory, you should have the intention to go out judging after the course. It is not possible to improve without regular practice.
4. This is a practical workshop with active practice in a safe environment. If you are looking mainly to understand more about how judging works, we are able to arrange overview sessions for your club or for small groups who are interested.

Activities

The course provides a mix of learning through tutor-led presentation, discussion, small group practice and full practice with both prints and PDI in a variety of styles and genres.

Assessment

The course is not formally assessed, in that there is no pass or fail. We believe that you will know after the two days whether it is for you or not. However, we will provide feedback, and if the tutor team believes that you are not ready then we will advise you accordingly.

Booking

There are nine places available. Please return this booking form by email by 31st October latest.

With your booking form, please include three PDI examples of your work, sized for projection as you would normally at your club. This is to give us as tutors an idea of where you are photographically before the coursework begins.

In view of the limited places available, it is advisable to book early. We will confirm your place as soon as possible after reviewing your application.

Best regards

... Ken Scott ARPS
Judging Advisor, SCPF

SCPF Level 1 Appraisal Workshop 2018 – Booking Form

Your Name:	
Your Address:	
Your Postcode:	
Contacts:	
(Home Telephone):	
(Mobile Telephone):	
(Email):	
Your Club:	
Your Photographic Distinctions:	
About You: Please say a few words below about why you are interested in becoming a judge, and about what you believe you can offer.	

Return Address

This form should be returned by email to Ken Scott ARPS – judging@southerncountiespf.org.uk or ken.scott@touchingthelight.co.uk with three projection-sized PDI images as examples of your work.

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