



London Region AGM

26th January 2018 at 6:45pm
at Wetherby Preparatory School,
48 Bryanston Square, London W1H 2EA

AGENDA



- Welcome and Apologies for Absence
- Minutes of 2017 Meeting
- RO's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of RO's and Treasurer's Reports
- Election of Officers:
 - RO/s
 - Deputy RO/s
 - Treasurer
- Look ahead to 2018
- Any Other Business



London Region ROs Report

Judy Hicks

ROs Report



- **Organisation:**

- The RO Team has remained stable during the year with Judy Hicks and Neil Cordell as Co-Regional Organisers and Lorraine Grey as Deputy Regional Organiser
- Neil Cordell has continued as Acting Treasurer

- **Contribution of Volunteers:**

- Including the RO Team Members above, 26 people have contributed a total of 4390 hours to the Region's activities, roughly the equivalent of 2.5 FTEs!

- **Membership of the Region**

- at 31/12/2016 was 1,337. On 31/12/2017 it was 1,318, a decrease of 19. London Region accounts for over 13% of the UK Members, 11% of total Membership.

- **Attendance at Activities**

- 390 people attended one or more activities in the Region
- 73% were Members, 27% were not.

ROs Report



- Volunteers have:
 - Managed and supported the Distinctions Advisory Programme in London
 - Managed/co-ordinated and led our regular Micro-Groups (Street, LN, Bookworms, SE & SW London)
 - Researched and managed Special Events, Exhibitions and Workshops
 - Initiated and run projects (e.g. Elizabeth Line Project, Celebrating London)
 - Acted as Mentors – both at Café Art and to colleagues
 - Worked on internal projects such as our Marketing Communications Strategy
 - Acted as Book Editors, Exhibitions Curators/Designers/Co-ordinators and Selectors
 - Initiated and managed marketing events for the Region and the RPS as a whole, e.g. our stand at CameraWorld in November
 - Supported RPS HQ at Exhibitions in the Region such as IPE at Truman's Brewery
 - Supported RPS as a whole – for example by sitting on the Investment Committee
 - Co-ordinated all the above activities, kept records, liaised with Bath, updated the website, represented the Region and occasionally the RPS,
- and much more....

ROs Report – Events Overview



- We held 104 Events and Meetings in 2017 - excluding Exhibitions and some Special Project Meetings

EVENT TYPE	No. of Events	Attendances
Regular Micro-Groups Street, Bookworms, SW & SE London & LN	58 (55)	674 (668)
Distinctions Advisory Days & Workshops	10 (5)	151 (80)
One Off Events and Workshops	19 (13)	276 (249)
Project Events and Meetings	17 (24)	98 (171)

RO's Report – Distinctions



Of the 10 Distinctions Advisory Days and Workshops, 7 were Advisory Days in which 105 people participated.

In addition we held:

- a series of monthly “self-help” workshops on Saturday-mornings to help people towards their ‘L’
- two workshops/meetings – one in June, one in September – inviting people thinking of doing their ‘A’ to find out more. This has resulted in the formation of a self-help group of ten/eleven people, now working together towards their ‘A’

RO's Report – Distinctions



33 people in London Region obtained Distinctions in 2017:

14 Licentiateships

11 Associateships, and

8 Fellowships

Congratulations to all – here are their names

ROs Report: One Off Events and Workshops



- One Off Events and Workshops included:
 - Two book-making workshops – one with Gerry Badger at the beginning of the year and a second one in September organised and run by Brian Steptoe FRPS
 - A curator's talk at the Science Museum with Anderson & Lowe
 - Talks by:
 - Tom Jenkins, Photographer and Filmmaker (at our 2017 AGM)
 - Peter Dazeley BEM FRPS, Fine Art and Advertising Photographer (June)
 - Harry Borden HonFRPS, Portrait Photographer – jointly with CoL&CPS (Sept)
 - Specially arranged photographer's tour of the Highgate Cemeteries and a walk arranged with RPS Southern to Brighton Pride
 - A series of three workshops with Zoe Whishaw, Commercial Photography Consultant and Mentor
 - Studio tour hosted by Peter Dazeley
 - Stand at Cameraworld Trade Show
 - Workshops with Nikon at RPS negotiated discounts, and a
 - London Region Exhibition

ROs Report: Exhibitions and Books



Exhibitions and Books:

- 12 Exhibitions in 2017
- 4 Books

- 29 March to 21 April
 - 'Living London' – A Book and Exhibition of photographs from the book at the Croatian Embassy: the work of 10 photographers specialising in urban photography.
- 18 July to 11 August
 - The final Exhibition of the Breathing London Project: the work of 70 participating photographers and a book specially produced by Brian Steptoe as a gift for the Ambassador.
- 26 October to 15 November.
 - The first London Region Members Exhibition held at the Croatian Embassy: the work of 45 photographers

ROs Report: Exhibitions & Books continued



Dates	Group & Location	Name of Exhibition	Photographers	Other information
11 and 12 February	Breathing London - The Greenwich Gallery	2-day Pop-up Exhibition		Covered 5 Boroughs of SE London
22 February to 14 March	SW London - Fulham Café Barossa	Shapes and Shadows	11	Reshown in Putney Library 18 Jun to 1 July
8 to 28 April	SW London - Fulham Café Barossa	Sunny Climes	12	
18 Jun to 1 Jul	SW London - Putney Library	Shapes and Shadows and Sunny Climes		Repeat of above
1 Jul to 30 Oct	SE London - The White Café, Greenwich	"My Greenwich"	9	
14 Aug to 16 Sep	SW London - Putney Library	"People"	15	
11 Sep to 16 Sep	SW London - Exhibition and Book Launch	SW Twelve	12	Exhibition and Book
25 Nov - ongoing	SE London - Exhibition	Travel 2017	9	
December	Volunteer team of 16 photographers from our Region.	An Elizabethan Progress	16	Book – Exhibitions Jan and Apr 18

RO's Report – Projects



Breathing London:

- Walks continued during Jan/Feb/Mar and April
- 2-day Pop-up Exhibition held in Greenwich 11 & 12 Feb
- Final Workshops with Robert Canis held on 3 April
- Photography completed April 2017 with a final event in Hyde Park
- Final Exhibition at the Croatian Embassy 18 July to 11 August
- 70 active participants (all had pictures in the Final Exhibition)
- 7000 images uploaded to the website

RO's Report – Projects



Crossrail/Elizabeth Line:

- Purpose of the project:
 - To create a photobook illustrating 'life' on the surface directly over and close by Crossrail tunnels, together with photographs on the line and in some new stations
- 16 photographers took part
- 1800 photographs submitted from Spring to end October
- Book was progressive throughout with editing and design by Brian Steptoe FRPS
- Published in early December (available from the RPS Shop!)
- 'Taster' Exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery January 2018 with main Exhibition in Greenwich in April 2018

RO's Report – Projects



Celebrating London

- Purpose of the project:
 - To celebrate London's cultural richness and diversity through its many public festivals and events,
- 40 photographers signed up to the website but we have 75 members on FB
- 650 photographs of over 40 events submitted to date
- Website being revised/re-written
- Phase II being launched this month
- Chris Steele-Perkins will be giving us some advice and guidance and he will be joining us for the second half of the meeting

THIS IS THE TOPIC FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE MEETING

RO's Report: charitable causes



Report would not be complete without saying a little more about our work with Café Art and Kick-it-Out.

Neil and Mo Grieg have taught every other weekend through the year: others have helped at key points such as camera handouts and in Spitalfields market.

Julian Rouse has taken over the management of the Kick-it-Out photographers and continues to support events as requested.

These are both great causes and something of which we can all be proud.

RO's Report: ... and finally



Thank you all for your help and support in 2017.

Our aim has been to help you enjoy and improve your photography in the company of like-minded individuals and have fun!

We hope that amongst this varied programme there has been something for everyone.



Treasurer's Report

Neil Cordell

Financial Headlines: FY 2017



- London Region is on a good financial footing
- Balance at end of Financial Year (after accruals)
 - **2017 £3,980.37**
 - 2016 £3,549.79
- Membership subscriptions assigned to the region only amount to £1,938.65 based on 1337 members
- Distinctions have been very successful making profit of £1,571.10
- Most events has been successfully run on a break-event basis with two notable exceptions:
 - Joint “Harry Borden” event with City of London & Cripplegate PS made a loss of £155
 - “Alixandra Fazzina” event cancelled due to a lack of interest made a loss of £125
- Major projects are expensive but thanks to a number of members for their kind donations to support them

Accounts: FY2017



Category	Income	Expenditure
Membership Subscriptions	1,938.65	
Distinction Days	1,299.45	
Programme Sales	6,031.19	
Publication Sales	1,953.13	
Annual Members Exhibition	645.00	
Refreshments	351.67	328.96
Donations received	1410.00	
Lecturers & Workshop Fees		3,557.10
Technology (including Major Project Websites)		2,448.95
Exhibition Equipment		637.36
Printing (Exhibitions and Books)		4,735.05
Venue Hire		2,621.93
Travel		947.65
Prizes		173.00
Total	13,629.09	15,450.00
	Profit / (Loss)	(1,820.91)



Appointment of Officers

RO/s

Treasurer

Deputy RO



RO's Plans and Ideas for 2018

RO's Report: Plans for 2018



Current Plans:

- Major focus on Celebrating London Project (next Agenda item)
- Continue with Micro-groups and Sub-groups:
 - Street, London Naturally and Bookworms
 - SE, SW and now North London
- Stage another London Region Exhibition
- Provide at least four Advisory Days (one per quarter) and continue the 'Preparation for A' and 'Preparation for L' Groups

RO's Report: Some thoughts and ideas for 2018



- Days out!

Last year we went to Brighton Pride and enjoyed a very successful day. We also arranged a special photographer's tour of the Highgate Cemeteries. Ideas put forward so far this year have been:

- A visit to the Lee Millar Archives and guided/curated tour of Farley's House and Gallery
- Photographers access to the Thai Temple in Wimbledon
- Maybe Brighton Pride again..
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- Education and learning

- Further develop the "Zoe Whishaw" seminar series (Q2) and repeat the last series (Q4)
- Museum of London "London Nights" Photography – Curated Tour
- Photoshop and Lightroom Classes 1:1
- Anything which becomes available at the V&A!

RO's Report: Exhibitions and further ideas for 2018



- Exhibitions already planned:
 - The Elizabeth Line Project Exhibition – April in Greenwich
 - SW London: Exhibitions at the Putney Library in Jan/Feb and Aug/Sep plus and the Clapham Omnibus (Arts Centre and Café) in May
 - SE London: at the White Gallery (when it re-opens for the spring/summer season)
- At the Planning Stage
 - Display London Region 2017 Exhibition in other parts of London – an option is available at the Putney Arts Centre for the month of May
 - 2018 London Region Member's Exhibition in the Autumn
- At the planning/discussion stage
 - Possible workshops and (small) exhibitions at Woodberry Wetlands – an extension of LN programme and of particular interest to N London Group
 - Possible joint project with London Landscapes, to photograph some of London's garden squares normally closed to the public
- Talks with Keynote speakers – can be arranged, but support is essential!

RO's Report: Plans and ideas for next year



Two things to finish:

1. We are not mind-readers. Feedback is important to us:

- Tell us
 - What you like
 - What you don't like

And we will try to react accordingly

2. Please remember – resources are the major limiting factor on what we can do in the Region – so please step forward and lend a hand: whether it is a day occasionally, a few hours a month or by taking on a role/leading a group...



Any other business