

Day 1 Starting from scratch.

- Flash or Continuous light - advantages and disadvantages.
- How a studio flash works.
- Setting up a portrait with a single light.
- Changing the quality of the light with simple accessories.
- Placing the main light. Using a simple reflector.
- Using a flash meter and setting your camera.
- Adding a second light.
- Light control accessories.
- Hair/background lights.
- Getting more depth into your portraits.
- Using a main and fill light.
- Balancing light sources with a flashmeter.
- Lighting a white background - not lighting a black one!

At each stage plenty of time will be allowed for taking your own photographs.

Day 2 The next step.

- Softboxes - stunning portraits with a small softbox.
- Positioning lights and subjects.
- The inverse square law - don't panic!
- Using larger softboxes to create lovely soft lighting.
- Hard, high contrast lighting. Mixing hard and soft light together.
- Lighting for full length. The white background, for children and contemporary portraiture.
- Camera viewpoint.
- Using a lightbank as a huge soft light, a white background and a Ringflash!

This course is supported by Broncolor equipment it is used throughout but all of the techniques are the same for other makes of lighting. You will need to bring with you A film or digital camera that can be set to manual (shutter speeds and apertures) with a standard Hot Shoe or a PC connection socket. Please Note: Digital compact cameras are generally not suitable for this course and many are unable to fire.

What to bring

DSLR Camera (able to set manually)

Suitable portrait lens 85-135mm equivalent.

Memory card extra card if they want to try a Hasselblad!

Pen and paper

Minolta/Sony camera user will require a standard hot shoe adapter.

Packed lunch or use local amenities

Pictures taken on the course are for personal use. Model Release forms are available for a fee of £10 paid direct to the model on the course.

Times: 10am – 5pm

Address: Manger Barn, 1 High Street, Lacock, SN15 2LQ

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/jh7YI>

Parking: You can park in the Red Lion Car Park which is found opposite the barn.