

## **Creative Photography Evening-Class for beginners**

A comprehensive, solid grounding in digital photography; from mastering your camera to creating your own photo-essay. Suitable for beginners of all ages.

### **Learning outcomes from this course:**

Students will learn:

- How to take great photos
- How to master their camera and how it truly works.
- How to light their subjects
- How to shoot for any scenario
- How to edit their photos in Photoshop

**Week 1:** Photography: The power and impact of the medium in Journalism, Culture & Film-making. Know your camera: Camera modes and menus.

**Week 2:** Understanding exposure. Apertures, Shutter speed, ISO. Introduction to Lenses: What you need to know.

**Week 3:** Using focus creatively. Depth of field. Lighting for portraiture. Soft lighting versus hard lighting. Mastering daylight for portraiture.

**Week 4:** Introduction to Photoshop. File formats. Image adjustments.

**Week 5:** Edit your own images in Photoshop. Introduction to the toolbar. Fixing skies, foregrounds, and cropping.

**Week 6:** Composition: Thinking photographically. Educating the eye. Creating opportunities. Placement of elements in the frame.

**Week 7:** Composition cont'd: Rule of thirds. Textures, curves, creative focus.

**Week 8:** Learning Project: A short photo-essay using the elements of the course. Portraits/Landscape/Still Life

**Week 9:** Reviewing the photo-essay project. Learning to critique your own photos. Pathways to progress. How to generate your own portfolio.

**Note:** *One of the classes will be conducted as a Saturday morning field trip*