

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2026

APPLICATION FORM

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (where applicable) _____

TOTAL NO. OF PHOTOS IN EACH CATEGORY

Circles	_____	(max 2)
Doors, Gates, Openings	_____	(max 2)
Fashion	_____	(max 2)
Light and Dark	_____	(max 2)
Mystery	_____	(max 2)
GRAND TOTAL	=====	(max 10)

DECLARATION

I declare this photographic work to be solely my own. I have permission from the subject(s) for their image to be displayed in public (where applicable).

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RULES

- Photos must have been taken after September 2025
- Only 2 entries **per category** permitted per participant.
- Entry free of charge
- The judging panel's decision is final

Results will be announced on Thursday, 22 October

Email Entries

- Any size or shape is acceptable.
- Major electronic formats accepted.
- Include all details highlighted in yellow above in the body of your email.
- Address your entries to: **U3ANewsEaling@gmail.com** marking the subject as **PHOTO COMPETITION**
- Each picture must include title in the file name.
- The photographer's name will not be shown to the judges.

Postal Entries

- Maximum size A5 = 145mm x 220mm (5.75 in x 8.25 in) to go through letterbox.
- Complete this application form and submit with your entries.
- Post your entries to Ealing U3A Photo Competition, 65 Princes Gardens, Acton, W3 0LR
- **Title of photo** and **name of participant** to be displayed on the **front of the mounting**
- Names will be removed for judging.

PRIZES

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded for each category. If the judge feels that any photos are of special merit, then a "Commended" prize may be awarded for any category. The prizes are M&S Vouchers and will be as follows:

1st prize	£30
2nd prize	£20
3rd prize	£10
Commended	£5

TIPS AND ADVICE

- 1 Give your photo a title and make sure it clearly reflects the category.
Also, where there could be several options within the category, e.g. "seasons", include the option name in the title, i.e. "Winter – Christmas Market".
- 2 Remember this acronym when taking your photos:
L = Look
I = Interest (there needs to be something to interest others)
F = Focus (make sure the item of interest is in focus)
E = Expose it.

Remember the 3 Fs:
Feel
Frame (composing your picture)
Focus (as above)
- 3 Try to put at least 1 photo in each category. That gives a better chance of winning a prize.
- 4 If a category sounds difficult or ambiguous, that could be good for your imagination and originality. But do remember to give your photo a title that explains the connection to the topic.
- 5 If your photo is of an existing display or exhibition, you need to say where it is. It is best to also include people looking at it, or maybe reflections, or facial expressions.
If you are looking at a display in a jeweller's shop window you could combine the jewels in the foreground with the expression on people's faces looking through the window.
- 6 Remember that if you take photographs of children you need to have the permission of their parents/guardians.
- 7 If the photo is of your own art, show it in the title, e.g. "My painting of a sunflower"
- 8 Topics for the following year are given out with the results. So remember to take advantage of all the seasons/festivities to take your photos. Do not wait until the summer of the following year when there are fewer chances of finding a good subject to photograph.

ALLOWED:

Cropping and straightening
Changing colour to black and white

But work must be your own and taken from 1st October 2025 onwards.