



Club Membership - Benefits of Joining the WCPF

The Western Counties Photographic Federation (WCPF) was formed in 1932 and is one of fifteen Federations that are affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) and internationally to the "Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique" (FIAP). Currently there are about 90 clubs in the Federation - from across Cornwall, Devon and Somerset, and Dorset as far East as Weymouth, South Gloucester as far north as Stroud and across to Swindon in Wiltshire.

The prime purpose of the WCPF is to encourage the art and practice of photography directly to members and clubs throughout its catchment area, supporting/liaising with other Federations and the PAGB, ensuring local views and interests feature in national debate.

The WCPF is run by an Executive Committee of volunteers, together with co-opted members.

As a member of the WCPF with affiliated membership of the PAGB and FIAP, clubs and their members will enjoy the following benefits:

The WCPF Members Exhibition - a major annual public exhibition showcasing club members' best projected images and print work

A Travelling Exhibition, circulated around WCPF clubs, which is drawn from accepted and awarded prints from the Members Exhibition

The Knightshayes Trophy - a free to enter, themed, print competition for individual photographers of member clubs

Annual WCPF competitions for affiliated clubs:

- Digitally Projected Inter-Club Competition (DPIC) and an Inter-Club Competition for Prints
- Audio Visual Competition
- The Kingswood Salver - Inter-Club print panel competition

Entry to all PAGB national competitions:

- Nominated clubs represent the WCPF at the PAGB Projected Digital Image and Print Championships
- Selected work represents the WPCF at the PAGB Inter-Federation Competition
- PAGB GB Cup & GB Trophy - both with Open and Nature categories and open to any WCPF affiliated club
- Masters of Print

PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit (APM): CPAGB, DPAGB and MPAGB in both photography and AV

Advisory workshops for members working towards PAGB Awards, and free mentoring & support to club members applications

Regular WCPF seminars for prospective new photographic judges

Health and Safety advice and a check-list for clubs to use

The WPCF Directory of club contacts and meeting places, approved judges and lecturers, and officials



The Western Counties Photographic Federation

Member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

www.thewcpf.com

Access to:

- The PAGB Recorded Lecture Service
- The PAGB Online directory of lecturers and judges
- PAGB patronage to club and federation events
- FIAP awards via the PAGB FIAP awards officer
- PAGB Standards and & Governance Committee

Eligibility for PAGB service awards (APAGB, HonPAGB, Hon Life Vice-President)

The WCPF website www.thewcpf.com, which provides advice to clubs and keeps members informed about its events

A closed Facebook Group for posts and discussion of relevance to the WCPF

Membership is open to any club that meets our Definition of a Camera Club:

For clubs to join the WCPF they must be a camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and a published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual cooperation, education, entertainment or competition solely from a physical location within the Western Counties.

Although we cannot offer membership to Individuals there are many opportunities, activities and events open to Individual Club Members.

If your Club is interested in joining, please contact the Secretary in the first instance.

To find existing WCPF Member Clubs please visit the clubs A to Z area of this website.

Annual Subscriptions are payable by 1 January each year and the current rate is £59.50 for up to 25 members, plus £1.10 for each additional member. The subscription covers both WCPF and PAGB Membership.

Insurance

The PAGB has negotiated suitable insurance policies for itself, for Federations and for Affiliated Clubs as separate policyholders. The page linked below describes the various policies available from the broker engaged by the PAGB. Clubs and Federations may use this broker or may use any other broker or underwriter as they wish.

<http://www.thepagb.org.uk/services/insurance/>

The WCPF strongly recommends that clubs to hold Public Liability insurance.

Further information and advice

A video about the WCPF for clubs and club members: <https://youtu.be/gyZpMsXf9QE>

The one-stop shop for information and advice for new and existing camera clubs is the PAGB website: www.thepagb.org.uk

If you require further information regarding the WCPF, or a club membership application form, please don't hesitate to email the secretary: secretary.wcpf@gmail.com