

# *Photography, NPA 4/NPA 5*

## **Award Received**

NPA 4 Photography

NPA 5 Photography

## **Entry Level: What do I need to do it?**

National 4 or National 5 Art and Design is good preparation for this course, however you do not need any art background to complete the course, it is just good preparation in the ways you will analyse and choose photographs as it is a similar process in art and design.

You should have an interest in taking, analysing and manipulating photographs. You should be willing to take photographs both in school and in your own time so you can explore a wider range of locations and subjects. NPA 4 naturally leads onto NPA 5 in this subject.

## **Course Content: What will I learn?**

The NPA 4 and 5 courses cover both practical and analysis skills. You will cover areas such as understanding different genres of photography, photographic skills in photographing people and places and how to organise and manipulate your photographs.



At both levels you will complete 4 units: Understanding Photography, Photographing People, Photographing Places and Working with Photographs.

### **Understanding Photography :**

This unit involves a research task into a photographer, then a written analysis task.

### **Photographing People:**

This unit involves a written or oral planning task, followed by practical photography of other people, followed by image selection and a presentation.

### **Photographing Places:**

This unit involves a written or oral planning task, followed by practical photography of a place (or places, followed by image selection and a presentation.

### **Working with Photographs:**

This unit involves the organisation of photographic files, written or oral evaluation, practical work enhancing your own photographs using Photoshop (or a similar platform) and finally a task involving the resizing of your photographic images

## **Teaching Methods: What will I do?**

You will learn techniques from your teacher, who will deliver workshops to build up your skills. You will work on individual projects with tutoring from your teacher.

## **Assessment: How will I be assessed?**

All units are internally assessed, using both open and closed book assessments.

## **Homework.**

You will be required to take photographs out of school time which you can then work on in class.

## **Progression in the Senior Phase.**

You can progress to the Higher photography course, which will allow you to further develop all of your photography skills. This course will support you in preparing a portfolio for art college entry or to apply to study photography at college or University.