

Young Photography Open Competition and Exhibition

Open to young people aged 17 and under

Exhibition dates: 18 January to 4 May 2025

Closing date for entries is 4 November 2024

Call for entries

Discover Bucks Museum is delighted to announce their first Young Photography Open Competition and Exhibition for young people aged 17 and under. Whatever your photographic ability you can enter up to 3 images with a chance to be selected for our exhibition in January 2025.

Work that is selected for the exhibition will be judged by an independent panel and 3 winners will be chosen for the best interpretation of the exhibition theme. The winners will receive a £25 voucher and their photographs will be printed and framed for them to keep.

There will also be a People's Choice Award of a £25 voucher which will be voted for by visitors to the exhibition and awarded after the last day of voting which will be 21 April 2025.

Exhibition theme

The theme of the exhibition is 'Celebrating Buckinghamshire'. You may be inspired by its landscape, people, heritage, wildlife or another aspect that inspires you, but your entry must have some connection to the county of Buckinghamshire.

We will endeavour to show as many entries as possible in the exhibition but will carry out an initial selection process after the closing date for entries using the digital photographs that you send with your Entry Form.

How to enter

To enter the competition please read the steps below and the terms and conditions carefully before making a submission.

Entry forms must be sent by email together with digital copies of your photographs in JPEG format. JPEGs should be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 3MB per photograph.

Send your entries to **exhibitions@discoverbucksmuseum.org**

The Young Photography Open Competition and Exhibition is free to enter.

Entries must be received no later than 4 November 2024. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.

Each JPEG photograph must be labelled with a filename as follows:

YP_YOURSURNAME_INITIAL_PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER

Please start the filename with YP showing that you are a Young Person and then for example John Smith's photograph number 1 would be labelled: YP_SMITH_J_1 and if he enters a second image then it would be labelled YP_SMITH_J_2

The photograph number refers to the photograph number and title of the photograph on your Entry Form.

All entries will be reviewed by a selection panel after the closing date. Entrants will be notified if their work has been accepted for the exhibition by 30 November 2024.

If your photograph is selected for the exhibition, then the Museum will print your photograph onto card from the JPEG you sent. You do not need to print your photograph yourself.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 18 January to Sunday 4 May 2025 and the standard opening times are Wednesday to Friday 10am – 3pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12-4pm.

Entry to the museum and exhibition is adults £6.50, children 15 yrs and under free. Exhibitors who have their work on display in the exhibition will receive one free pass which they can use themselves if aged 16 or 17 years or for their parent/guardian if 15 years and under for the duration of the exhibition.

There will be an opening launch and awards presentation on Saturday 18 January 2025 to which all exhibitors are invited.

Terms & Conditions

Entrants must be aged 17 years and under to enter the Young Photography Open Competition and Exhibition. All entrants will need consent from a parent/guardian to take part.

Photographic entries must have been taken in Buckinghamshire and have been taken in the last 5 years. Entrants can submit up to a maximum of 3 images.

Submissions for this exhibition will only be accepted by email from entrants who have completed the authorised Entry Form and sent in JPG image/s of each item submitted. No other forms of entry will be accepted.

Photographs must be a minimum of 1MB and no larger than 3MB.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant who must be the sole owner of the copyright and must not have infringed the rights of any other party. The entries must not have been previously published or have been prize winners in other photographic competitions.

Entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

Entrants must ensure that photographs that show people have been taken with the permission of the subject/s where necessary and if under 18 the consent of the subject's parent/guardian.

By submitting a photograph/s to this competition entrants agree that Discover Bucks Museum has the right to free reproduction of the image in all media to promote the exhibition.

If you are a prize winner then you agree to take part in any publicity and to use your name and photograph in such publicity across all media to promote the exhibition. If you do not want your name to be used, you must make us aware.

The copyright of the photograph remains with the photographer.

Digital adjustments of an image are acceptable but the use of AI to create images is not allowed.

Judges appointed by Discover Bucks Museum will make the initial selection for the exhibition and later judge the 3 best entries that interpret the theme of 'Celebrating Buckinghamshire'. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All entries are sent at the entrant's own risk and the organisers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed when sent by email.

The museum exhibition staff will be responsible for the display of the exhibition.

Personal contact details will only be used for the purposes of administering the competition and exhibition and will not be shared with any organisation outside the organisation without your permission. However, your full name and age will be used with the title of your photograph in the exhibition and may also be used in publicity across all media. If you do not want this information to be used, you must make us aware.

Discover Bucks Museum reserves the right to refuse any entries which are considered to be discriminatory or inappropriate for our audiences.

By entering the competition you agree to the rules and we reserve the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time if we have reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way or brings us into disrepute.

Discover Bucks Museum reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage if deemed necessary, for example if circumstances arise outside our control.

Completed Entry Forms and JPEG images must be emailed by 4 November 2024 to exhibitions@discoverbucksmuseum.org

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