

# *beginners in digital* PHOTOGRAPHY

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The 'Beginners in Digital Photography' classes have been very successful in enabling camera owners to understand and master their cameras.

You might be someone who has a small compact camera gathering dust on the shelf, or someone who has been fumbling with it at family events and holidays.

Or you could be the enthusiast with an SLR who loves to take pictures for pictures sake!

Whether you are a complete beginner or a 'fumbling' but enthusiastic camera owner, these classes are designed to help with all aspects of the digital scene.

Past students report such things as 'fear of pressing the wrong buttons or looking through the menus has gone' and 'I found the classes enjoyable and excellent'.

Computer work is also a necessary aspect of the digital age, but in this we are very gentle on beginners whilst giving more of a challenge to any student who wants it.

The course runs for 8 weeks and a field trip and sessions on portraits and night photography are just some of what's included in our informative yet 'made easy' curriculum.

The classes are written and run for the past 9 years by experienced photographer Amanda Burke.

Amanda has been a photographer since 1978 gaining a vast diversity of experience and acquiring a wealth of technical and artistic knowledge in the field. Past students have reported 'I especially liked your ability to "de-jargon" things' and 'Your generosity and helpfulness as a teacher are, in my experience, very rare'.

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For an overview of what's covered on this course visit :

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Thankyou for your enquiry about the 'Beginners in Digital Photography' classes and you would be very welcome.

Generally the course covers basic camera settings, general picture taking and getting to grips with the computer side of things.

Participants come away from the course with a real understanding of their cameras and have much greater ability to take shots that wow themselves and others.

The course is designed to be of real use to those who perhaps struggle a little with technical details but is also very beneficial for those with a little more experience with both cameras and computers.

If you would like to attend the course you would need to make sure your cameras battery is fully charged before the start of the class and also bring your cameras manual if you can lay your hands on it !

You will be given full colour notes in a binder but do bring paper and a pen if you are inclined to take extra notes.

The fees for the course are 140 euro which are payable in full on the first session.

I will be adding a facility to the website a week or so before the start of the course to facilitate those who would like to pay online by PayPal. I will send a link as soon as the facility is available

Alternatively the balance can be paid on the first session by cash or cheque made payable to Amanda Burke.

## **WEEK 1.**

### **Getting to know your camera 1**

Becoming familiar with some important settings on your camera.  
Uploading and sharing images.

## **WEEK 2.**

### **Getting To Know Your Camera 2.**

More about important settings that make all the difference.  
First simple steps in editing your shots.

## **WEEK 3.**

### **Pictures Of People.**

Improving your chances of the very best shots of your relatives & friends.  
Further steps in editing.

## **WEEK 4.**

### **Telling The Story.**

Learning how to wow family & friends with shots that have 'impact'!  
How to prepare your shots on your own computer for printing.

## **WEEK 5.**

### **Three legs are better than two !**

Discover new fun in photography that the use of a tripod make possible.  
Great 'In Camera' edits.

## **WEEK 6.**

### **Field Trip.**

To be arranged

## **WEEK 7.**

### **Seeing Light.**

Becoming aware of the light you are shooting in & how it can make or break a shot  
Let your creativity be fully realized with your editing software.

## **WEEK 8.**

### **Where do we go from here?**

Discover who you are as a photographer and how best to continue.  
Helping to make sure you don't lose your images!

## TESTIMONIALS

I must say that I really enjoyed the course, and kinda sad that its coming to an end. But I've subscribed to a couple of magazines, so that'll keep me going. I can actually understand the articles now, where as I was bogged down with the terminology before! In fact my hubby is thinking of doing your beginners course in the Autumn, probably cause I yap non stop about it... I might even repeat the improvers again later in the year.

Gina Renehan

Re the course I learnt a lot especially as I wasn't used to my sons camera. The notes are excellent and great to look back over, it's like all things if you don't practice you'll find it harder to get right. Emailing in homework is good idea and makes you work at the topic for that week. I don't have any negative feedback for you. I enjoyed it all and would recommend it to anyone who was interested.

Heather

I wish you the very best for the future with your photography courses. I have enjoyed your courses immensely and learned so much from them. I would highly recommend them to anyone wanting to learn how to use their camera to a higher level. I found that I improved in leaps and bounds over the 2 courses and when I forget something I still have my notes to look back on.

Martin Doyle

I thoroughly enjoyed the course. I found the pace perfect and the content excellent. Amanda was very good at individualizing the lessons so that everyone, no matter what their standard, was fully able to participate.

I would highly recommend Amanda's Beginner Photography Course as a fun and simple way to learn what all the settings on your camera actually do and how to take good impact shots.

Theresa McGinn

Thank you so much for such an enjoyable class. I love the structure of the classes. I was impressed with the folder we get in week 1, and then we have the notes from each week to refer to when we need to.

The challenge of homework is great, as it guaranteed that I would focus on what we had just learned in class that week, and then it was nice to see everyone else's work, as we can all learn from each other. I found the demonstrations in class very helpful, and you always used such relevant examples.

With your approach to teaching the subject, which you so obviously love, you take the mystery out of it, and you put the enjoyment into it !

Marian Deering

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## *Classes 2017*

**The Beginners in Digital Photography Course  
8 Week Class Starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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**The Improvers Photography Course  
8 Week Class Starts Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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**The Beginners in Digital Photography Course  
8 Week Morning Class Starts Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

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**The Beginners in Digital Photography Course  
8 Week Class Starts Tuesday 18 April 2017  
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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**The Beginners in Digital Photography Course  
8 Week Class Starts Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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**The Improvers Photography Course  
8 Week Class Starts Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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**The Beginners in Digital Photography Course  
8 Week Morning Class Starts Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

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**Classes held at St Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy  
Classes may be subject to change of date and/or location.  
Classes are always subject to numbers.**