

Media Release: The RPS and The Open University launch new photography course

- **Digital Photography: Creating and Sharing Better Images starts June 2015**
- **Suitable for beginners and those looking to improve existing skills**
- **Online, with weekly activities and feedback**
- **RPS Certificate in Photography**

Bath, 20 April 2015 -- The Royal Photographic Society and The Open University are launching a unique online digital photography course that will bring together The RPS's 160-year experience in photography and the Open University's recognised expertise in delivering education online.

Digital Photography: Creating and Sharing Better Images is a 10-week course designed to help people new to digital photography and those looking to improve existing skills – and to see the world in a new way. It will develop participants' technical and visual skills through weekly practical assignments. Students will join a vibrant online community of their peers, to share, comment and learn from each other's work, and they will receive feedback from expert photographers on their final assessment.

Commenting on the initiative Dr David Cooke ARPS, The Society's Chair of Education, said: *"The partnership between The RPS and The Open University is an incredibly strong one that will benefit those students taking the course. We aim to provide a great learning experience whether you are starting out with your photography or are looking to brush up on existing skills"*.

The course has been designed to give those completing it the skills needed to tackle The Royal Photographic Society's Licentiate (LRPS) distinction in photography.

The 10-week course will cost £200 with participants working through The Open University's award-winning online platform. There will be two presentations each year, with the first in June and October 2015. Students who successfully complete the course will be entitled to an RPS Certificate in Photography. The course does not provide credit towards OU qualifications.

For further information visit: www.rps.org/online-courses

The Royal Photographic Society is an educational charity (no. 1107831) based in Bath which exists to promote the art and science of photography and to support photographers and to help them improve their skills.

The Open University (OU) is the largest academic institution in the UK and a world leader in flexible distance learning. Since it began in 1969, the OU has taught more than 1.8 million students and has almost 200,000 current students, including more than 15,000 overseas.

