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Joining the Volunteer Team

- The volunteer team covers several different roles
 - Organising / running one of our monthly events
 - Organising / assisting at one-off events or projects
 - Providing support at above events or projects
 - Providing support to the running of the Region
- Typical activities:
 - Liaising with pub for local meetings
 - Helping find new locations for walks / field trips
 - Helping at Open Evenings and exhibitions
 - When HQ's CRM (Blackthorn) + website (CMS) is sorted, keeping websites up to date
- Or just volunteer when you can!

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Plans for 2025

- **Regular Monthly (same “day”)**
 - SE London (1st Monday) – Pett’s Wood In Person
 - London-wide Zoom (Alternative 1st Wednesday and 1st Thursday). Zoom for all
 - North London (2nd Monday) – Highbury & Islington In Person
 - SW London (2nd Tuesday) – Putney In Person
 - “Distinctions” Study Group (2nd Thursday) – Zoom
 - Street Photowalk (2nd Saturday) – around London
 - Bookworms (3rd Monday) – Highbury & Islington In Person
 - Midweek Explorers Photowalk (3rd week) - around London
 - Landscape Fieldtrips (4th week) –around the Home Counties, and London for “cityscapes”

Plans for 2025 – Distinctions

Mike and Brian

- Supporting Members through to a successful Assessment is a key part of London Region
- **LRPS Advisory Mornings (Zoom)**
 - February 15th
 - April 26th
 - May 31st
 - September 27th
 - November 22nd
- **ARPS Advisory Days (in person)**
 - March 15th
 - June 21st
 - October 18th
- **FRPS Advisory Day (In person)**
 - Being considered for Autumn
- **“Celebration of Distinctions” event (In person)**
 - Being considered for later in 2025
- **Distinctions Study Group (Zoom)**
 - 2nd Thursdays – LRPS & ARPS alternating

Plans for 2025 – Exhibitions

- Exhibitions are always popular with London Members
- **LRMPE 2025**
 - Espacio Gallery, March 26th to 30th
 - Open Evening March 27th
- **RPS London-CafeArt Photography Mentoring Group**
 - Brixton Library, January 3rd to 31st
 - Open Evening January 9th
- **North London Group**
 - Royal Free Hospital, January 24th to March 6th
- **Sustainable London Project Exhibition – 2nd location**
 - Kingston Church, March 3rd to 16th
 - Further venues being sought
- **SW London Group**
 - Being considered for Autumn, Putney Library?
- **2025 Project Exhibition**
 - Planned for Autumn / Winter
- **SE London Group**
 - Being considered by the local team
- **Get ready for LRMPE 2026**
 - Selection days in January 2026!

Plans for 2025 – Special Events

- Visits to unusual or well known venues are always popular
- **Reform Club Photographic Exhibition of past 100 years**
 - Curator's tour in February
 - Date to be confirmed
- **RIBA Archive**
 - Date to be confirmed
- **?? Ideas please ??**

Plans for 2025 – “Project”

- Again, projects are popular and bring a different cross section of Members together
- **1st Thought – 80 years since end of WW2**
 - Government and Royal British Legion are planning events
 - VE+80 – Thursday 8th May 2025
 - VJ+80 - Friday 15th August 2025
 - Contemporary / documentary - book? Exhibition? As for Coronation?
- **?? Ideas please ??**
 - Style – Documentary? Contemporary? Creative?
 - Recent have been towards Documentary
 - Move towards Contemporary or Creative?
 - **Volunteer to lead?**
- **A thought!**
 - It doesn't have to be one big project for all”
 - It could be a several smaller projects
 - Each with a different style /theme / objective
 - One could be visual / artistic – images for a special exhibition?
- **With a major project exhibition in the Autumn / Winter?**

Item 7: Plans and Ideas for 2024

- Discussion / Your suggestions / ideas
 - Will need volunteer(s) to progress any additions to the programme
- All our events, etc. are on the website rps.org/londonevents
 - Some also on (new) Blackthorn www.events.rps.org
 - Select filter on LH Side = London Region
 - – following next month's upgrade!!
- Sign-up for Monthly Capital Letter and our other occasional Newsletters and reminders to stay in touch and find out more.