

RPS London Region AGM

Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm

The London Bridge Hive

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- **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of last year's Meeting
3. Regional Organisers' Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers
 - a) Regional Organiser/Co-Regional Organisers
 - b) Deputy Regional Organiser/s
 - c) Treasurer
6. Plans for 2020
7. Other Business

London Region RO's Report

David Hicks

- **RO's Report**

- **Organisation**

- The London Region 'Official' RO Team remained stable during the year with David and Judy Hicks as Co-Regional Organisers, Norman Smith as Deputy Regional Organiser and Mo Greig as Treasurer.

- **Contribution of Volunteers**

- Many Members and non-members have contributed many, many hours to the Region's activities by co-ordinating the Distinctions Programme in London, co-ordinating the Micro-Groups, local meetings, projects etc. and by assisting in so many ways.

- **Region's Membership**

- Latest information from HQ shows that on 30/11/2019 there were 1336 London Region Members (as opposed to 1337 at the same time last year!).
- London Region continues to account for over 12% of the Society's Membership of 11,000.

- **Attendance at Activities**

- **452** people attended one or more activities in the Region (as opposed to 359 in 2019)
- **65%** were Members, 35% were not. (2019: 71% were Members, 29% were not)

- **RO's Report**

- **Volunteers have:**

- Managed and supported the Distinctions Advisory Programme in London
 - Managed/co-ordinated our seven existing Micro-Groups:
 - Bookworms, London Naturally, London Street, Midweek explorers and the North, SE and SW Groups
 - **NEW** Started new activities and groups such as the London Urban Group
 - Managed Exhibitions and created opportunities for Exhibitions
 - Initiated and run projects, such as the Totally Thames Project and the Street Project/Exhibition
 - Acted as Mentors – both at the Cafe Art programme and to colleagues
 - Supported Cafe Art and Kick-It-Out.
 - Acted as Exhibition Designers, Co-ordinators and Selectors
 - Supported the RPS as a whole by active participation in the Regional Organisers' Meetings
 - Co-ordinated all the above activities, kept records, liaised with Bristol HQ, maintained the website, represented the Region and occasionally the RPS at external events
- And much more

- **RO's Report**

- **Events Overview:**

- **We held 104 Events and Meetups in 2019 – excluding Exhibitions and Project Sign-ups. The same as 2018 but with greater attendances.**

EVENT TYPE	No. of Events	Attendances
Regular Micro-Groups Bookworms, N SW & SE London, London Naturally, Street and Midweek Explorers	85 (70/58)	1174 (929/674)
Distinctions Advisory Days & Workshops	6 (6/10)	166 (91/151)
One Off Events and Workshops	13 (9/36)	130 (107/420)
TOTAL	104 (104/97)	1470 (1119/1272)
Key Numbers: 2020 (2019/2018)		

- **RO's Report: Exhibitions in 2019**

- **Members have had opportunities to:**

- Share and display their work in local Group and London Region Exhibitions of which we staged ten during the year, including:
 - 2018/19 London Region Members' Exhibition 06 Feb to 04 Mar in Lauderdale House
 - Exhibition of the Celebrating London Project, in London E1: 12 Jun to 11 Jul and
 - Exhibition of Street Photography in Hanbury Street, E1
 - Themed Exhibition in the Clapham Omnibus: "The Way We Live Now": Jun 19
 - UCLH: N. London Group 'Best work' 07 Nov 19 to 15 Jan 20
 - Other smaller but no less valid Exhibitions in the Putney Library, Harris & Hoole Cafe, St George's Hospital Gallery and the White House Gallery, Greenwich.
 - London Region Summer Event: 10 Aug 19

- **Through these Exhibitions and activities** 97 Members have shown more than 280 prints in various places in the Capital. This number excludes images/exhibitions which have been shown twice and images shown as panels in Celebrating London.

- **RO's Report – Projects**

- The **Celebrating London Project** was completed and an Exhibition held in Jun/Jul. Images were also shown at our Summer Event in August.
- We ran a '**Street**' Project, whereby the work of 40 photographers (1 picture from each) was shown in the Hanbury Street Gallery
- We ran a project '**Totally Thames**' in September and are currently organising an Exhibition of that work.

- **RO's Report: Distinctions**

- At the 2019 AGM, Brian Connolly and Mike Psyllides took over the management of the Distinctions Advisory Programme for the Region, liaising with the Bristol Distinctions Team.
- We have staged 4 Advisory Days and 2 Workshops, which were attended by a total of 166 people (including spectators)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE LONDON REGION MEMBERS WHO HAVE
ACHIEVED THEIR DISTINCTIONS THIS YEAR!**

- **RO's Report – charitable causes**

Cafe Art

Two aspects to our work with Cafe Art:

- A structured mentoring programme for Cafe Art photographers, led by Julian Rouse and supported by other mentors. These programmes take place fortnightly.
- Support to the Cafe Art 'My London' Calendar Programme including camera handouts/take backs/assisting with picture selection and at other related events such as Spitalfields Market launch.
- The Region also donates books as prizes/incentives.

Kick-it-Out

- Julian Rouse continues to manage the team of volunteer photographers for Kick-it-Out and continues to support events when invited/called upon.

Both great causes and something of which we can all be proud.

- **RO's Report – and finally**

- The Region is run entirely by volunteers with support from a small staff at HQ
- Our aims as Regional Organisers are to:
 - to support the strategic aims of the RPS in bringing photography to a wider audience. We do this through running 'open' groups and activities, through our projects and exhibitions.
 - To engage with the London Region Membership
 - Most importantly, to help you enjoy and improve your photography (if you wish!) in the company of like-minded individuals
 - And **to have fun.**

We hope that amongst this varied programmes there has been something for everyone.

London Region Treasurer's Report

Mo Greig

- **Financial Headlines**

- Accounting in the Regions is on a cash basis (reporting is VAT inclusive)
- As at 31 December 2019 the Region had £8,314.17 cash in hand
- £200 has been incorrectly deposited in the account by HO and has been deducted in January 2020
- Funds allocated to the Region for 2019 amounted to £1,924.15, based on Membership headcount at the beginning of the year. (a similar amount is expected for 2020).
- Distinctions continue to be a successful revenue stream, this past year returning a profit of £1,466.
- Our major costs are the website and costs associated with project exhibitions.
- RPS HQ have begun the process of taking over Regional accounting. All payments and reimbursements are made by HO. A “cloud” based system of storing all bank statements, invoices and cashbook entries is currently being trialled.
- Following is a cash summary and high level expenses statement

- Financial Summary as at 31 December 2019**

Category	Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance at Bank 01 Jan 2019	7,875.54	
Sales - Distinctions	3,961.50	
SE London group meetings (part relating to last yr)	422.60	
HQ funding	1,924.15	
Workshops	530.00	
London Urban Project	96.00	
Urban Kick-off	64.00	
VAT refunds	127.68	
Street walks/exhibition	538.80	
Donations (wine)	40.00	
publication sales	123.50	
Incorrectly allocated funds	200.00	
Distinction Days		2,494.54
Exhibition costs		2,238.94
IT & Website (London Projects)		1,204.67
Workshops / talks		663.00
SE London		350.00
Prior Year Expenses - Room Hire		230.40
Newsletter		180.00
AGM		172.80
Volunteering exps		55.25
Sub-Total	8,028.23	7,589.60
Balance Cash in hand at 31 December 2019	8,314.17	

Appointment of Officers

Regional Organiser/s

Treasurer

Deputy Regional Organiser/s

Plans and Ideas for 2019

Plans in Place

- **Opportunity to Showcase your Work**
 - London Region 2019/2020 Members' Print Exhibition – Opening Night February 5th
 - Sub-Group 'local' Exhibitions
- **Meet with like-minded photographers**
 - Continue with monthly Micro- and Sub-groups
- **Distinctions**
 - Provide at least four Advisory Days ('L' and 'A') – one per quarter
 - Provide at least one 'F' Advisory per year
 - Expand the programme further to include an experimental digital advisory, an 'L' introduction for those starting their Distinctions Journey

Plans and Ideas for 2019

Other Ideas

- Expand our Events to include visits (e.g. to photo archives), talks and maybe trips away from London
- Professional critiques of our work, esp. (for example) projects.

Plans and Ideas for 2019

Other Ideas

- Please come forward with your ideas at any time during the year and we will do our best to help and facilitate.
- We are constrained only by resources:
 - In particular, volunteers to provide co-ordination and leadership of particular activities
 - Finance and space (e.g. rooms and galleries) – although these can often be overcome by taking a creative approach.