



## The Yorkshire Photographic Union

### Services to Clubs and Photographic Societies

The Yorkshire Photographic Union (YPU) was founded on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1899 and as such is the oldest Photographic Federation in the country.

The YPU is a member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) which means that all YPU member clubs are also affiliated to that organisation. Below is a diagram of the member Federations of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain.



1. Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs
2. East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies
3. Kent County Photographic Association
4. Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union
5. Midland Counties Photographic Federation
6. Northern Counties Photographic Federation
7. North and East Midlands Photographic Federation
8. Northern Ireland Photographic Association
9. North Wales Photographic Association
10. Scottish Photographic Federation
11. Southern Counties Photographic Federation
12. Surrey Photographic Federation
13. Western Counties Photographic Federation
14. Welsh photographic Federation
- 15. Yorkshire Photographic Union**

### Lecture Service

The YPU encourages clubs to make use of the list of available lecturers in the PAGB Handbook.

The lectures offered provide a wide variety of photographic topics for example portfolios, technical aspects of photography, travel and nature.

Various types of lectures are available such as Print, Projected Image or Audio-Visual.

If you would like a lecturer to visit your club you should make direct contact using the details provided in the PAGB Handbook in the YPU section. An example of a booking form is also supplied in the handbook and is available for download from the PAGB website, <http://thepagb.org.uk>.

You are advised to make bookings in good time and give a choice of dates as many of the lecturers get booked up quickly.



Clubs are encouraged to provide feedback on all YPU Lecturers and Judges to the YPU Judge and Lecture List Secretary Alan Stopher. This ensures that standards are kept as high as possible. The feedback form is available on the YPU Website and feedback received is passed onto the judges and lecturers.

If any experienced club member wishes to become a Judge the YPU organises training days for Judges. Course attenders who wish to proceed are then put on the supplementary list and assessed by the feedback obtained from clubs. Once sufficient positive feedback is obtained, the candidate then proceeds to the full PAGB list in the handbook.

Further details about becoming a Judge can be obtained from the YPU Judge and Lecture List Secretary, Alan Stopher, Email: [alan@stopher.me.uk](mailto:alan@stopher.me.uk)

## The YPU Website

The website of the YPU can be found at <http://www.ypu.org.uk>

A great variety of information can be found on the site for example news and details of events, competitions and PAGB links.

All the YPU clubs are listed with information concerning meetings such as venue and start time. Here the YPU can provide a direct link to your own club website so acting as a portal for potential new members. In the downloads section clubs can download forms such as feedback forms, competition rules and the YPU constitution.

To provide news or update your club details on the YPU website contact webmaster Dave Robson Email: [daverobson@eclipse1.karoo.co.uk](mailto:daverobson@eclipse1.karoo.co.uk)

## Advancing Photography and PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit

The YPU encourages club members to achieve the highest standards in their photography and provides a link to the PAGB awards for photographic merit.

These are available for three standards of photography as follows:

Credit (CPAGB) – standard good club photography (10 images).

Distinction (DPAGB) – standard open national exhibition photography (15 images).

Master (MPAGB) – the highest standard of amateur photography in the UK (20 images).

The media chosen can be either Prints, Projected Images, Audio Visual may also be chosen which has separate rules and assessment.

If any of your club members require further details, wish to be assessed for an award or require help with tuition and guidance this can be found by contacting either,

YPU Advancing Photography Secretary Andrea Hargreaves Email: [andreaHargreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andreaHargreaves2003@yahoo.co.uk)

Or the YPU PAGB Awards Officer Stephanie Cook Email: [stephanie.cook@btinternet.com](mailto:stephanie.cook@btinternet.com)

Application forms for a PAGB assessment of your work are available from Stephanie Cook, contact details as above.

## Insurance Services

In order to prevent your committee being financially accountable for compensation due to an unfortunate accident that could occur at your club, it is highly recommended that your club purchases Public Liability Insurance. Indeed visiting lecturers and judges will expect each club they attend to provide this cover. Through the broker organised by the PAGB the YPU is able to offer clubs a rate of insurance that is extremely competitive compared to other brokers. Cover can also be provided for club equipment. Additionally, each member club is automatically provided with Trustee Liability Insurance which protects your club and committee against losses that may occur due to fraudulent activity and other circumstances. The insurance fee is paid annually through the YPU Treasurer Colin Williams for further details contact, Email: [colinr.williams@dhl.com](mailto:colinr.williams@dhl.com)

## Club Representative Meetings

Twice each year the YPU holds open meetings for each club to receive reports from the Executive Officers, these also provide an opportunity for clubs to provide ideas and suggestions. They are held in the autumn, usually the first Saturday in November, and at the Annual General Meeting on the first Saturday in March. Any of your club members may attend the meeting but the representatives voting as follows dependent on the number of members:  
Up to 40 members 1 vote, 41 to 80 2 votes, and 81 or more members 3 votes.  
For items to be discussed on the agenda at Club Representative Meetings contact the YPU Secretary Stephen Dean Email: [photosjdean@gmail.com](mailto:photosjdean@gmail.com)

## The Annual Exhibition and Assembly

Each year the YPU holds an exhibition of work of approximately two hundred framed prints and two hundred projected images and in addition an assembly for the presentation of awards on the opening day of the exhibition. The event is hosted by one of the member clubs supported by the Executive and moves from year to year across the region.

Entries to the exhibition are now undertaken by the online system on a separate website, <http://clubsoftware.org/ypu/>  
Print entries are handed in at the Annual General Meeting in early March.

Should your club be interested in hosting the Annual Exhibition and Assembly then contact the YPU Exhibition Co-ordinator Marilyn Roberts, Email: [marilynroberts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marilynroberts@hotmail.co.uk)

## Hire of Frames and Frame Stands

The YPU has available up to two hundred frames for use by clubs if you wish to hold an exhibition for your own club. The frames are only suitable for holding mounts of 50cm x 40cm and are glassless. Frame stands suitable for holding approximately 140 frames are also available for hire. If you do not have an exhibition gallery available you can use a local meeting hall and use the stands as shown below.



A request form to hire the frames and or stands is available on the YPU website. For details about the hire of the frames and or stands contact the YPU Secretary Stephen Dean Email: [photosjdean@gmail.com](mailto:photosjdean@gmail.com)

## Provision of Print and Projected Image folios to use at your club

A disc of all the prints and images selected for the Annual Exhibition in projected format is supplied free of charge to all member clubs. However clubs are also encouraged to see the selected prints at close hand during their own club meeting. A selection of the actual exhibition prints is available for all clubs to hire from the YPU Folio Officer Andrew Rothery Email: [ymgandy@aol.co.uk](mailto:ymgandy@aol.co.uk) A booking form is also available on the YPU website. The Print portfolio is available from September to the end of the following April. Folios of work from the PAGB competitions are also available and contact Andrew Rothery as above for further details.

## PAGB Competitions

The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain holds two main competitions each year of interest to YPU clubs.

### *The Inter-Federation Competition*

A selection of work from each Federation, both print and projected, competes for a number of trophies and certificates.

This competition is held in the early summer each year. The YPU will choose a cross section of work from the submissions to the YPU Annual Exhibition. These are then forwarded to the Alliance which also receives work from other Federations.

### *The Inter-Club Competition*

Each Federation selects two clubs to represent them at this competition in both Print and Projected Images. Two YPU clubs in each media are chosen through a knockout competition open to all YPU clubs held in January each year. The PAGB Inter-club competitions are as follows: Projected Images in the summer and Prints in the late autumn each year.

For details of the PAGB Competitions contact the PAGB Representative Stephanie Cook Email: [stephanie.cook@btinternet.com](mailto:stephanie.cook@btinternet.com)

## Keighley Event Day

To celebrate the formation of the YPU and the legacy of one of its founders, the renowned pictorial photographer Alexander Keighley, the YPU organises an annual event to showcase the work of a number of prominent photographers generally not normally available to clubs.

These include a wide variety of topics and photographic interests suitable for all your club members. The Keighley Event day is held in the autumn of each year details and booking forms are supplied to the clubs in the early summer.

## The Yorkshire Salon

This competition has now become a feature of the international salon calendar and takes place in December each year. The competition is organised by the YPU but is open to photographers on a worldwide basis therefore it does allow YPU photographers to have their work assessed on the international stage.

The competition is open to both print and projected image workers.

For further details contact YPU Salon Secretary Howard Tate, Email: [hgtate@icloud.com](mailto:hgtate@icloud.com)

## The Armley and Wortley Fund

Should your club organise a special event or lecture which requires financial assurance then assistance may be available from the YPU especially if your club does not have the reserve resources.

Please note this is only available for special occasions, for more information contact the YPU Treasurer Colin Williams Email: [colinr.williams@dhl.com](mailto:colinr.williams@dhl.com)