



The Yorkshire Photographic Union

What is a Salon or Exhibition?

A Salon is another term for a photographic Exhibition.

British Photographic Exhibitions (BPE's) are the National Exhibitions and Salons
<http://www.britishphotographicexhibitions.org.uk/index.php/list-of-exhibitions>

You enter digital or printed images and your aim is to get them “Accepted”. “Accepted” is the term meaning they have been included into the exhibition. You can also gain awards including medals, ribbons and certificates. For every acceptance you get a point to collect and when you meet the criteria, you can apply for the BPE crown distinctions.

Awards such as medals and ribbons are given to the top images and by entering these you will find out what the PAGB term “ Good Club Photography” is...

FIAP and PSA distinctions are the International Salon and Exhibitions.

<https://www.fiap.net/en/approved-fiap-salons>

In these Salons you are competing world Wide and so must distinguish what type of images are preferred in different countries.

Here there are medals for top images but there are also cash prizes, cameras, trips abroad etc depending on the Salons you enter. You collect points towards International distinctions including AFIAP EFIAP etc There are a variety of criteria to satisfy to get your award, but can FIAP have a tendency to change these criteria often, so it is best to keep an eye on the criteria needed

Then we come to stand alone Salons and Exhibitions which are not affiliated to anywhere for example Wath Salon.

Until recently, Wath was the only Yorkshire salon and is run by Dearne Valley camera club. However, Wath is taking a break at the moment.

The London Salon is also a stand alone salon.

<http://www.londonsalon.org>

Not affiliated to any other organization, this Salon is a specific art based salon. Weight is given to artistic images and is THE prestigious Art Salon in the UK. It gives out a maximum of 10 London Salon medals per year and there are only 5 of those medals in Yorkshire.

All these Salons are slightly different and to be successful in one does not guarantee success in another type or guarantee you will be successful with Awards for Photographic Merit .