

Invitation To Photography Workshops, Dunedin, 12th – 20th September

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We would like to invite our Dunedin / Ōtepoti community to view our '*Boundless*' photographic exhibition and participate in photographic workshops at the Dunedin Community Gallery between 12 and 20 September, 2023.

Details about the exhibition, film and workshop can found at our website at www.oursight.co.nz.

The exhibition: at least 80 photographs (photorealism, abstract, AI, experimental and composites .. anything goes ! All images have been produced by the *OurSight* group, made up of 11 Otago photographers.

The film: a 35-minute conversation with our photographers, their philosophy, and a peek at a some of their images. This can be viewed in the gallery, or via our website (after 12th September)

Five workshops: Class groups and individual students are invited to participate in some practical exercises and to debate "art photography issues" in 50-minute sessions, to be held in the Dunedin Community gallery exhibition space:

1. "*Photography by Artificial Intelligence*" - Work with us using Artificial Intelligence computer software (*Midjourney*) to generate AI art photographs and then debate the issues – is this cheating, the end of photography, or the start of a new creative adventure?
2. "*What makes that one a stunner?*" - Join a computer guided multicriteria decision-making session (to discover what makes for a good art photograph?
3. "*Do you see what I see?*" - Join a street excursion to capture and photo followed by group discussion to explore how differently we see the world.
4. "*The Affinity Photo Toolkit*" - We will teach individuals or small groups how to do basic tweaks to photographs like cropping, straightening, sharpening or blurring bits, removing objects, recolouring, brightening ... whatever you can imagine, the software can probably do it. Bring a digital image file on a memory stick, or email photography@oursight.co.nz if you want us to show you the tools in action on your own image.
5. "*A Distorted World - the magic of Affinity!*" - Come along and find out from an OurSight member how a simple image of a flower or fork can be distorted into a piece of artwork using Affinity Photo software.

Group bookings for workshops: We would be delighted to facilitate Workshops #1, #2 and #3 for community groups at some pre-arranged time during the weekdays if your group is able to come to the gallery for 1-2 hours.

We could accommodate groups of 20-30 if need be, but smaller groups would make the practical exercises and discussion more penetrating; or we can run two workshops for half of your group at the same time and then swap if you have 2 hours available. Family groups are most welcome.

Individual members of our community are of course also welcome to participate in any of the five workshops at any time. The first three workshops will be available for the general public during the weekend of 16th and 17th September. Workshop #4 can be joined on both week and weekend days between 10 am and 5 pm. Workshop #5 is only available on Saturday 16th September.

If you are interested in bringing a group to the gallery for workshops during the weekdays, please contact us via photography@oursight.co.nz or ring 027 2268688. We'll work with you to find the best times for your needs on a first come first served.

Facebook users can also follow the event at www.facebook.com/groups/oursight.

We hope to see you in September!

Cheers,

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For the OurSight group