

Speyside Photography Group Committee Members

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Come Together

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Develop new skills

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Improve your photography

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Share knowledge with other like-minded Photographers

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Programme

Sep 2026 – April 2027

Elgin Community Centre

Trinity Road Elgin IV30 1UE

Every Tuesday Evening

19:00 – 21:00



1 Sep ~ President's Night & Membership Renewal with Lenny Smith (FSWPP Grand Master, LMPA, LBIPP) (Free Teas)

8 Sep ~ Grampian Eye 2026 - Part 1

15 Sep ~ From image to presentation - Preparing competition entries, ordering from Loxley and mounting your prints

22 Sep ~ Ask the Experts (Questions in advance please)

29 Sep ~ Photoshop and Lightroom Skills with Tony & Brian (Layers Masking & Cloning)

6 Oct ~ Cameras, the story from film to mirrorless

13 Oct ~ Grampian Eye Results – Part 2

20 Oct ~ Results for 1st Round Digital (Open)

27 Oct ~ Practical Night – Studio lights and portraiture

3 Nov ~ Scottish Wildlife Photography with Michael Cook

10 Nov ~ Results for Round 1 of Development League (Animals)

17 Nov ~ Social Evening (Bring gear that you would like to sell. Free Refreshments etc)

23 Nov ~ Inter-Club Comp Results

24 Nov ~ Results for First Round Print (Open Monochrome)

1 Dec ~ An inspirational Talk with Jake Smith

8 Dec ~ Sports Photography with Brian Mercer

15 Dec ~ Results for Round 2 of Development League (The Colour Yellow)

22 Dec ~ Quiz Night & Fancy Dress. Come along for a bit of fun. Nibbles available, bring a raffle prize along.

29th December – Closed



5 Jan ~ Social Evening (Bring gear that you would like to sell. Free Refreshments etc.)

12 Jan ~ Results for 2nd Round Digital (Architecture)

19 Jan ~ Lightroom/Photoshop skills evening (Topic TBC)

26 Jan ~ Photographing the Aurora with Paul Scott

2 Feb ~ Landscape Photography with Dean Allan

9 Feb ~ Results for Round 3 of Development League (Something associated with Moray)

16 Feb ~ This is your life in Photography (Q&A Session)

23 Feb ~ Your best mobile phone image – Presentation and critique with Brian Mercer

2 Mar ~ Results for Second Round Print (Open Colour) & Studio 8 results

9 Mar ~ Using Filters with Chris Thomson

16 Mar ~ Cullen to Findhorn (Our Moray Coast) – Lenny Smith

23 Mar ~ Results for 3rd Round Digital (Portraits – People and Animals)

30 Mar ~ Practical Night

6 Apr ~ Natalie Taylor – My Journey

13 Apr ~ An inspirational talk with Shona Graham-Taylor

17 Apr ~ Awards Night - Location TBC

20 Apr ~ Speyside Photography Group AGM

24 Apr ~ Grampian Eye - Results day – Deeside Camera Club

27 Apr – End of Season social evening

Please Note

At the time of compiling the syllabus, preparations for the Grampian Eye Competition were still ongoing. We will keep members informed of any updates. Please check the SPG website, Facebook page and your emails, or ask a committee member for the latest information.

Closing dates for competitions are final with a 9pm cut off and will not be extended so please submit in plenty of time, thank you.

Submission Dates for Competitions

DIGITAL LEAGUE

25 Sep 2026 - Round 1 Digital - Open Theme
Judge: Terry Donnelly (TBC)

1 Dec 2026- Round 2 Digital – Architecture
Judge: Martin Hulbert

3 Feb 2027 - Round 3 Digital – Portraits – People & Animals
Judge: Bob Humphries

PRINT LEAGUE

13 Oct 2026 - Round 1 Print Competition - Open (Monochrome)
Judge: Owen Cochrane

19 Jan 2027 - Round 2 Print Competition - Open (Colour)
Judge: Scott Marshall

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

13 Oct 2026 - Round 1 of Development League (Animals)

17 Nov 2026 - Round 2 of Development League (The Colour Yellow)

12 Jan 2027 - Round 3 of Development League (Something associated with Moray)
Judge for all three Rounds: Tony Winfield

OTHER COMPETITIONS

12 Jan 2027 - Mobile Photos – Your best image

9 Feb 2027 - Studio 8 Competition – Sports with a ball
Judge: Lenny Smith

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS

SPG – Moray – Forres Inter-Club

3 Oct 2026 - SPG submission for Inter-Club
19 Oct 2026 - Submission for Inter-Club Competition
Inter-Club Competition Results: 23rd Nov 2026 - Moray CC
Judge: TBC

Grampian Eye 2027

Hosted by Deeside Camera Club

29 Jan 2027 - SPG Submission for Grampian Eye

17 Feb 2027 - Submission for Grampian Eye All Clubs
Grampian Eye results 24 April 2027
Judge: TBC

Development Forms

Members wishing to learn more about a specific photography topic, camera settings, or how to use their camera can complete a development form to arrange a one-to-one session with an expert. Forms are available from Keith and Myra.