Moving in the right direction

A lot of time has gone into promoting Photographers with Disabilities. By now you will have all seen our new logo and image update. We hope you are as happy as we are with our modern approach.

The changes don’t stop there and we are pleased to tell you about our objectives, achievements to date and future plans.

Our prime objectives are to increase our membership and

Saturday Photoshoots recommenced on Saturday 22nd September 2018

Soon we hope to run two Sat photoshoots per month
encourage new volunteers. Whilst keeping and expanding our current sessions, we hope to open the studio more days per week and offer a wider range of activities. Once new volunteers are ready to give their time, we have thought of running a Photoshop session in the evening for those who can’t make daytime events and are missing the chance of extending their skill base. We could open the studio in the evenings or Saturdays when there is no photoshoot, for planned or open sessions if we have members and volunteers who would like to get involved.

Your Charity is open to suggestions and we would love to hear from anyone with an idea or proposal. Tell us what you would like the future to hold for you as part of PwD

Getting ourselves out there

The past months have seen everyone working tirelessly to get the word out about Photographers with Disabilities and our amazing well equipped accessible studio in the heart of the Yate community.

We took part in The Ridgewood Centre open day on 21st July, welcoming visitors into the studio and offering free family portraits. A number of visitors took up our offer of free photographs which were made available in electronic format. We were pleased to welcome a visit from the Mayor during the day of fun, food and photos. Our event was sponsored by Southern Co-op’s Portishead outlet and we are most grateful for the snacks and refreshments they provided.

Our intention to introduce PwD to other charities, Colleges & Universities, businesses, public and private sector with a view to working with the wider community, giving something back wherever we find an opportunity, is now in full swing.

Saturday 28th July saw our first Pop-up studio at the West of England M S Therapy Centre at Bradley Stoke during their family fun day. Again we were able to talk about our charity and tell guests what we have to offer and take some excellent family portraits which were very well received by guests to our part of the event.
A lot of time is being put into raising our profile on social media and we have a new volunteer Dane Henson, to take over this area for us. We have established great links to Bristol Photographers page members on FaceBook. A good number of potential volunteers have shown an interest from their group and Saturday 22nd of September saw the start up of our much missed Saturday photoshoots all thanks to new volunteer Mike Martin. Mike answered our plea for volunteers posted on Bristol Photographers page and has attended a number of the Wednesday group sessions too. Mike has a fantastic knowledge of lighting and how to create effects ranging from subtle changes to dramatic variations. We are very grateful to all our volunteers for giving us their time and sharing knowledge.

What next

On Wednesday 31st October we will be working with the Southern Co-op, Portishead store providing a pop-up studio and taking part in their Children’s Halloween event.

Tuesday 13th November we will have a stand at the big ‘Purple Tuesday’ event at Cabot Circus, Bristol. ‘Purple Tuesday’ is all about access for disabled people. We will be showcasing some of your work and taking to opportunity to introduce PwD to as many new people as possible.

The Ridgewood Community Association are revamping their web site and have asked if our group would like to do the photography for it. The date is still to be announced but this will be another good way to get your work published and help promote our charity.

Local band ‘Room 10’ have asked us to photograph them doing a live gig at the Ridgewood Centre on Sat 20th
October from 18.30 onward. The jazz band are performing at a dinner concert and the photographs will be used on their web site.

We need volunteers for all these events so please get in touch if you would like to take part and support us. Either drop in at the studio or email secretary@photographerswithdisabilities.org

Regular Programme

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Drop-in day. The studio is yours to do whatever you wish. Most weeks there's also members on hand to help with Photoshop and Lightroom</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Photo challenge. Wednesday includes a challenge to reproduce a professional photograph using lighting techniques and camera skills. Members work together sharing ideas and knowledge. We encourage anyone to also bring along anything they wish to include in the session.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Thursday we run a Photoshop workshop where each week you can learn and practice new ways to enhance your photographs</td>
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<td>Organised photoshoot using a live model. We aim to have a varied style and subject matter for these shoots usually with the model displaying more than one costume.</td>
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