

DISTINCTIONS GROUP

Report for AGM 2016

I set up the Distinctions Group as one of my Presidential year objectives, with a view to aiding and encouraging WPS members to gain the LRPS (licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society). Our first meeting was in February 2015 and by the end of the summer break five members achieved their LRPS. The group continues to meet and during the current season a further six members have been successful; eleven in total, and more in the 'pipeline'.

The group meets every 6-8 weeks, at the Discovery Centre, on a Monday night with an attendance of about 12-15 members. We are very fortunate to be able to call upon the skills and advice of two senior RPS members (also WPS members), Vanessa Slawson and Nick Scott, who at each meeting review, comment and advise on the images presented and the progress of the panels as a whole. The meetings are lively and informal, with plenty of opportunity for members to ask questions, discuss techniques or simply observe. Successful members are always invited back to present their final panel and to share their experience of the Assessment Day.

At last week's Print Exhibition opening night, the Distinctions Group presented the eight members' panels who gained LRPS success during the calendar year 2015.

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