

Photojournalism



Press Photographer of the Year competition entry, 'Marcel, So What', by Mark Stedman, Mark Stedman Photography

Learn from last years Photojournalism winner



Molly Gallagher, Coláiste Muire, Ennis, 'Say it to a Two Year Old'

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An unfolding news event, a portrait of modern Ireland, human emotion, a study of wildlife, children jumping on a trampoline, someone catching a fish – it really is a personal opinion as to what makes a good photograph.

More often than not it is simply a case of being in the right place at the right time – with a camera in hand, of course. Nowadays using a camera is much more simplified. With the automated features in pocket cameras and on phones, it really is a case of point and shoot.

Photographs communicate information in a powerful way and the key to analysing or reading the information a photograph communicates is simple. We use specific questions to decode, evaluate, and respond to photographic images.

When looking at a photograph we need to consider not only the content of the photograph but the intent of the photographer. It is important to think consciously and critically and to pay attention to all aspects of the image.



Press Photographer of the Year competition entry, 'Murmuration' by James Crombie, INPHO



Press Photographer of the Year competition entry, 'Kellie's Family Reaction at Win' by Ray McManus, SportsFile

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Tips to taking a better picture

Press Photographer of the Year competition entry, 'Brilliant Bohs', Eoin Noonan, SportsFile



Press Photographer of the Year competition entry, Golden Moment, James Crombie, INPHO

- Move in closer – Fill the frame for a better shot.
- Be quick, and always be ready to take your shot as things change in front of you.
- Photograph the same subject from different angles and distances to get the best effect.
- Where is the light coming from? See how it affects your picture and think about how you can make the most of the light you have.
- Emphasise your main subject and avoid any unnecessary distractions.
- You have a maximum file size of 3MB for entries – you might also consider having a minimum size of 1 MB to make sure your photo is big enough.