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(My life as a camera)



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- I am always looking at the quality of light. Where the light is coming from. Highlights and shadows.

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- If that sounds similar to the way YOU look at the world, then you could be a “Photographer” - even if you haven’t picked up a camera yet.
- Or you could be any type of visual or graphical artist. A Painter. Graphic Designer. Sculptor. The list could go on.
- One thing is probable - you will be a visual “Artist”, whatever medium you decide to work in.

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Reality Check !

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- Working in a medium such as Photography, if you have a deep interest and passion for the subject it is a huge amount of fun.
- It can be very enjoyable, rewarding and satisfying - BUT rarely in financial terms.
- Being a photographer is nearly always a LOT OF HARD WORK.
- To be successful, you need to be very good at what you do. You will have HUGE potential competition.

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My own Photographic Art Experience

Examples

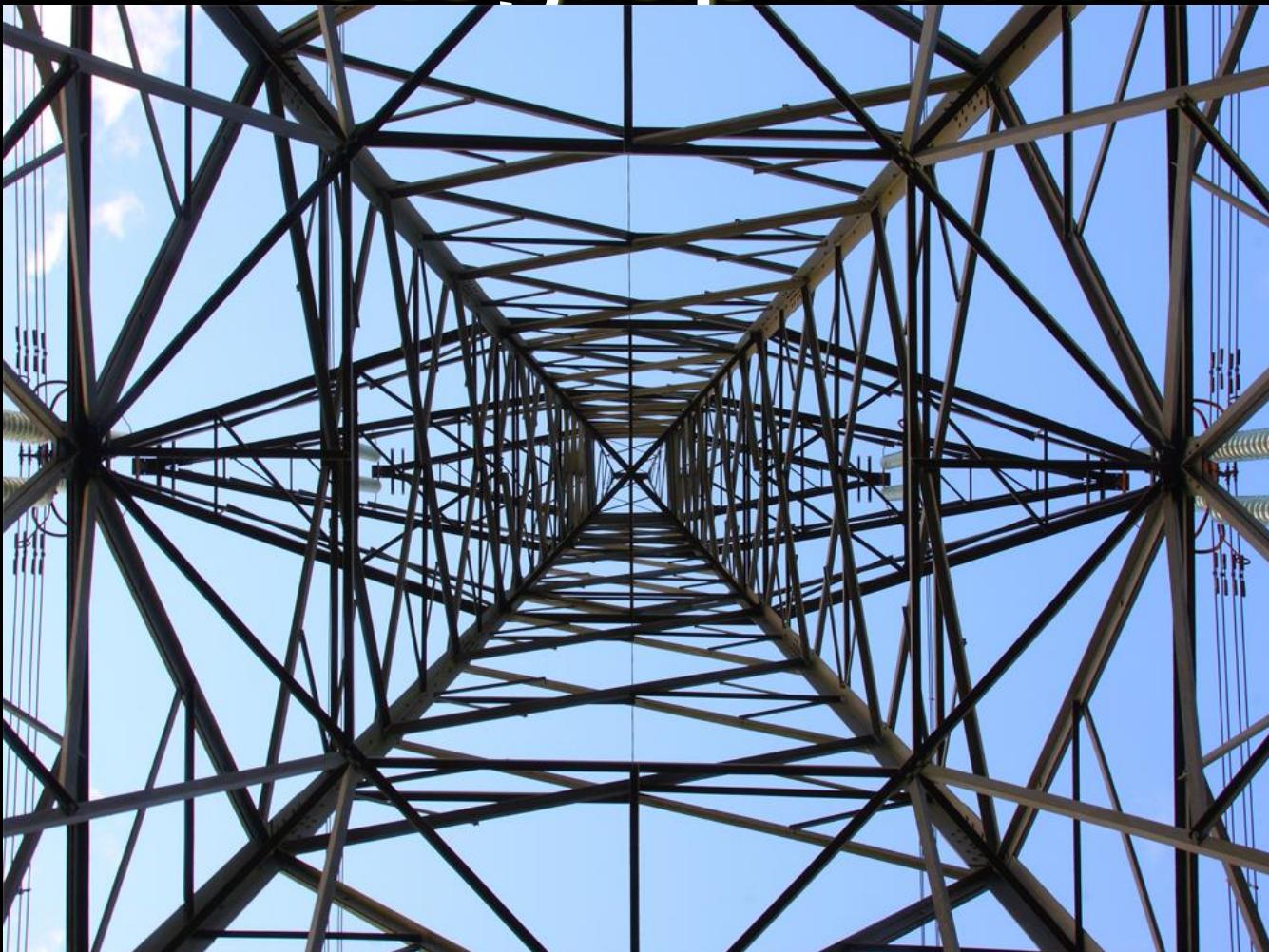
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Commercial Work

- I enjoy producing images for my artistic work and exhibitions – but I have to pay the bills – and of course the huge cost of professional photographic equipment.
- My commercial work, therefore, is the way I spend most of my time and generates the income for my self-directed projects.
- And I enjoy my more commercial work almost as much as my “Art” photography. If I didn’t enjoy it, I would not bother picking up a camera or sitting at my computer editing images.
- My commercial work, therefore, gets just as much care and attention to detail as I am able to give it.
- Like the vast majority of photographers working world-wide, I am a self-employed freelance. Photographers are very rarely “Employed” by large companies, we nearly all operate on a freelance, “as required” basis.

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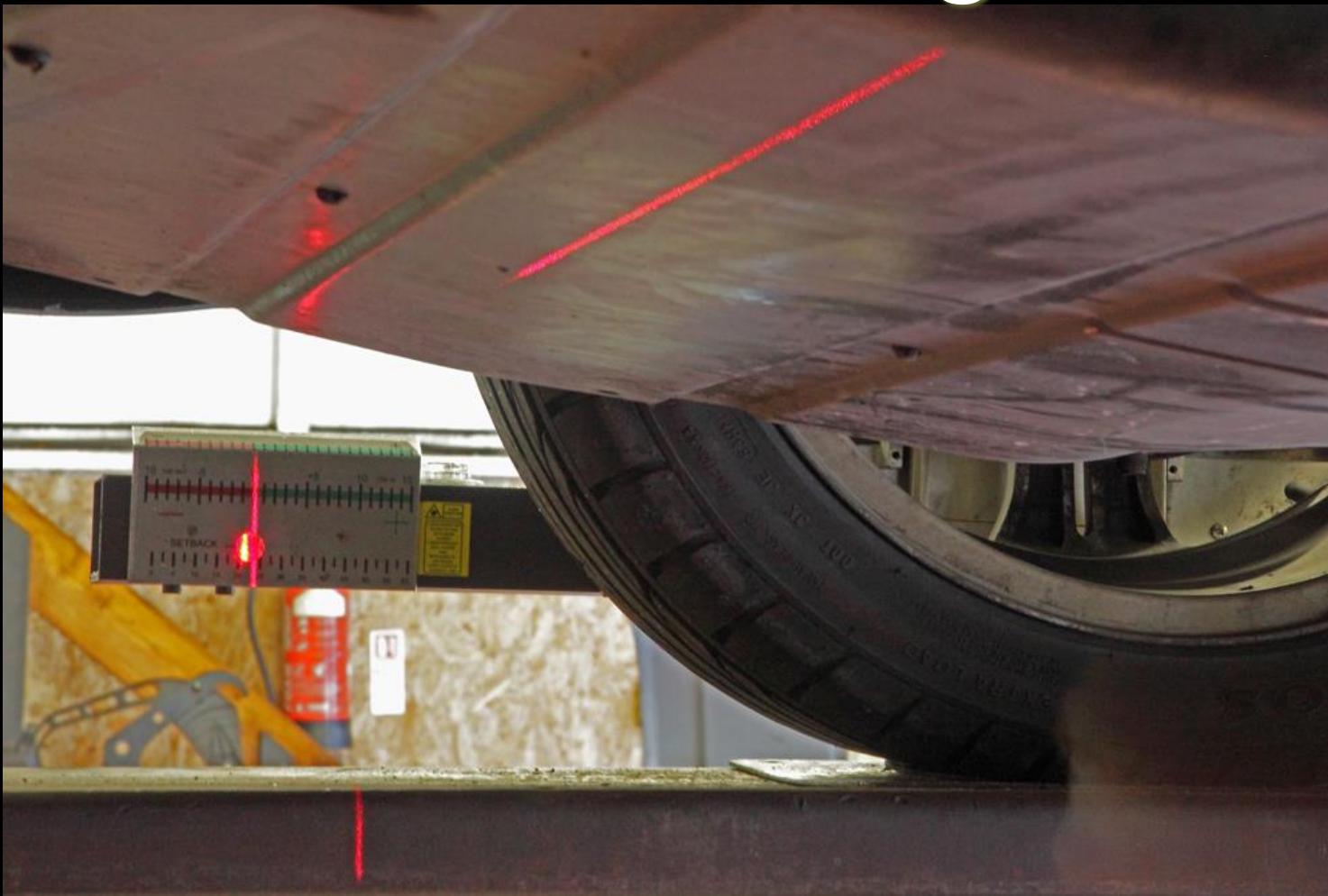
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- Advertising, Architectural and Press / Public Relations photography make up the majority of my commercial work - but I also shoot a lot of portraiture and graduation images for Universities in Wales and England
- Not all photographers are the same. Just as the skills needed for a HGV or Bus Driver may be a different from a Tractor Driver or private motorist, so the skill and experience levels will be quite different for a Fashion Photographer compared to Combat War Photographer.
- I can not hope to show you very much of my own work in this talk., but if you would like to see more, then look at my website(s) and you can find me by typing: Philip Curnow into a Google search.

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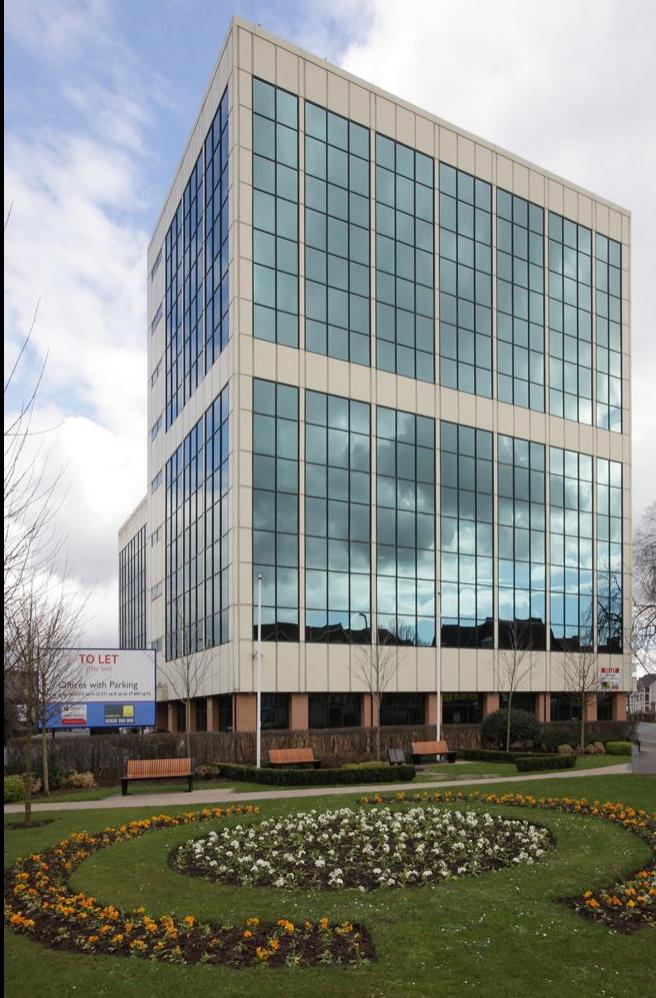
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You don't become a "photographer" because if you are not already thinking of the world as a series of either still or moving images, then it is highly unlikely that any amount of training, courses, learning or books are ever going to turn you into a professional photographer.

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Hard Work,
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You could, of course, go and work for an existing photographer or photographic company. Study at home with a large mountain of books - or simply ignore any skill requirements and start selling your services to the public today.

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But it is unlikely that any reputable business will ever give you real work without any skills and professional qualifications

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although you may get lucky.

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and just by chance I have some information with me for anybody seriously interested.

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Although I have to confess some bias towards Newport, because I completed both my BA(Hons) in Photographic Art there, as well as working on the Documentary Photography MA and was involved with the university for three years as a Student Mentor in the Arts Media and Design school.

So please pick my brains and ask me any questions.

Other Information:

Video Vs Photography:

What is better ?

Neither - I shoot both, it all depends on you
and “The Client”

Other Information:

What other jobs am I likely to get after I complete a well recognised photography degree course ?

Even if you don't end up as one of the top international freelance photographers – many companies look for photography graduates as photo editors, in their graphics departments, as trainers and demonstrators in photography stores. Holiday companies and cruise ships are often advertising for photography graduates - and if you go on and get further post-graduate qualifications the Army, Police, Health Service and even Security Services all have careers for good, qualified photographers - and, of course, Teaching.

Finally:

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Any final questions ?