



## The Young Photographer Competition – Rules and Guidelines

Organised by photoILKLEY

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 By entering *The Young Photographer Competition*, you agree to abide by the rules outlined here.
- 1.2 Entry is free and open to all individuals **aged 19 and under** as of the **submission deadline (3 June 2026, 1:00 pm)**.
- 1.3 The competition is organised as part of **photoILKLEY**, Ilkley's first and only photography festival, taking place starting **3rd July 2026**.
- 1.4 Selected photographs will be included in an **exhibition at Ilkley Manor House**, running from **4th July to 8 August 2026**.

### 2. Submissions

- 2.1 Each entrant may submit up to **THREE (3) photographs**.
- 2.2 Entries must be sent via email to [contact@photoilkley.com](mailto:contact@photoilkley.com) along with the **completed entry form**. **Photographs must be named with the entrants full name**.
- 2.3 Images should be in **JPEG format**, of max **10MB** in size.
- 2.4 Photographs must relate to the theme:



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## THEME Human:Nature

The theme **Human:Nature** is open to many different interpretations. Your photograph could be about **people**, about **nature**, or about the **relationship between the two**. It might show a person, a landscape, an animal, a garden, a city, or a small everyday moment outdoors. For example, you could photograph people in nature, nature in urban spaces, details of plants or wildlife, or the ways humans shape, protect, or affect the natural world. The theme can also be read as **human nature**, opening it up even further. Your photograph could be about **human behavior, emotion, instinct, and everyday life**. It might show a small moment that says something about how we live, feel, connect to one another as humans. For example, you could photograph acts of kindness or conflict, family life, solitude, community. We want to see how you interpret the theme in your own way, and what your photograph reveals about both the world around us and the nature within us.

## 2. Categories

Participants may submit images in any of the following five categories:

- **Portrait**
- **Wildlife**
- **Architecture**
- **Landscape**
- **Other (for creative or experimental work that doesn't fit the above)**



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### 3. Image Rights and Permissions

- 3.1 Entrants must be the **original creators** of the submitted work.
- 3.2 If identifiable people appear in your images, you must have obtained their permission (or a guardian's if they are under 16).
- 3.3 By entering, you grant **photoILKLEY** the right to use your images for the purpose of promoting the competition, the exhibition, and the festival (with proper credit).

### 4. Judging & Exhibition

- 4.1 A panel of judges will select a shortlist and **up to 20 winning images** for exhibition.
- 4.2 Selected participants will be notified by **early July 2026**.
- 4.3 All entries will be judged on creativity, originality, and how well they respond to the theme.
- 4.4 4.4 Portfolio reviews can be offered upon request — just let us know if you'd like feedback on your work.

### 5. Age & Consent

- 5.1 Entrants under the age of 16 must have the consent of a parent or guardian.
- 5.2 Winners may be asked to provide proof of age and signed consent if applicable.

### 6. Final Notes

- 6.1 Selected images may be printed for display and used in press, social media, or festival materials.
- 6.2 No cash prizes are offered. The reward is the opportunity to exhibit in Ilkley's historic Manor House during the festival and be part of this community celebration.



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6.3 **photoILKLEY** retains the right to disqualify entries that do not comply with these rules or contain offensive/inappropriate content.

6.4 Copyright remains with the creator. By **entering**, you grant photoILKLEY the right to use your image (with credit) in connection with the festival — globally and in perpetuity — for non-commercial, promotional purposes only.

**Deadline for submissions: 3 June 2026**

**Festival dates: starting 3-19 July 2026**

**Exhibition: Ilkley Manor House,**



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