

PRESS RELEASE: Southampton Pride of Place Project Photo Competition

Organised by **The Caravan Gallery** in association with Solent Showcase

Deadline: midnight on Tuesday 25th October 2016

Exhibition dates: 1st - 30th November 2016

COMPETITION BRIEF:

What does Southampton mean to you?

The Caravan Gallery, in association with Solent Showcase ask: How do you see Southampton? What is it like to live in this city? Have you seen a sign or shop display that made you smirk or a street scene that surprised or amused you? Would you like to draw attention to any unsung attractions - or unattractions - that escape the notice of the average visitor, or resident, for that matter? What is really typical of Southampton?

To complement their touring exhibition **extra{ordinary} - Photographs of Britain by The Caravan Gallery** at Solent Showcase, The Caravan Gallery is setting up a month long **Southampton Pride of Place Project** in a temporary venue at 108 East Street so that people can share their views about the city. Part exhibition, part reverse visitor information centre where it's the visitors who provide the information, the Southampton Pride of Place Project will ask the people of the city to take a closer 'warts and all' look at their shared habitat and define what makes it unique and extraordinary.

As part of this investigation The Caravan Gallery invite the people of Southampton (native and adoptive) to take part in an open submission photography competition. The Caravan Gallery's intention is to create a snapshot of the reality - and surreality - of life in Southampton. Jan Williams of The Caravan Gallery comments:

'We want to encourage the people of Southampton to view their city with fresh eyes, to astonish and surprise us with their observations from a local and personal perspective. Look beyond the obvious and show us what's special, unusual or perhaps typical of everyday life in this part of the world.'

The most captivating and idiosyncratic competition images selected by The Caravan Gallery and Solent Showcase will be turned into prints and displayed in the Southampton Pride of Place Project, an evolving exhibition created from public contributions and featuring images of Southampton by The Caravan Gallery. Prizes will include a signed copy of *extra{ordinary} - Photographs of Britain by The Caravan Gallery*, a brand new book published to complement the touring exhibition. as well as tickets, vouchers and merchandise donated by local businesses. All submissions will be uploaded to a special blog: <http://thecaravangalleryphotocomp.blogspot.co.uk> and there will be a visitors' choice prize for the photo with the most votes.

extra{ordinary} - Photographs of Britain by The Caravan Gallery has been on show throughout 2015-2016 at the following venues: Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland; Impressions Gallery, Bradford; Ffotogallery's Diffusion Festival, Cardiff; Museum of Lancashire, Preston; and Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art. The tour continues to **Solent Showcase, Southampton**. In each city the exhibition is supported by a participatory **Pride of Place Project** and mobile exhibition in The Caravan Gallery - a unique gallery in a caravan which will tour the local area.

So think hard, look harder, grab your cameras, get snapping and submit your images before midnight on **Tuesday 25th October** to photocomp@thecaravangallery.photography. We look forward to your interesting insights and unusual observations that show the real - and surreal - Southampton in all its authentic multifaceted splendour!

COMPETITION GUIDELINES / TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. By submitting a photograph you are agreeing to our terms and conditions and you are consenting to the possible use of that photograph on websites or blogs hosted by The Caravan Gallery and Solent Showcase in relation to this competition. Any photographs used will be credited to the photographer.
2. All images will be moderated by a panel of selectors before they are added to an online gallery of competition entries.
3. Only images of the Southampton area will be included.
4. Offensive material will not be included.
5. You must own the copyright of any images you submit so please do not upload other people's work.
6. Closing date for entries is **midnight on 25th October 2016**.
7. Selected winning photographs from the online gallery, as judged by The Caravan Gallery and Solent Showcase, will be printed and included in the Southampton Pride of Place Project exhibition.
8. Winners will be notified at the Southampton Pride of Place Project launch on 3rd November, details of which will be sent by email. A visitors' choice prize will be awarded at a special closing event at the end of the project.
9. Prizes include signed publications and other merchandise by The Caravan Gallery and prizes donated by local businesses.
10. In order for photographs to be considered for inclusion in the Southampton Pride of Place Project exhibition they will need to be printable - between 3000 and 5000 pixels on the longest side and 300 dpi. Each entrant is eligible to submit up to, and no more than, 3 unretouched images.
11. When submitting entries, please include titles and details of where and when each photograph was taken. Images should be recent, preferably no more than 2 years old.
12. Please include your full name, age (if under 12) and telephone number/s.



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City walls, Southampton 2016



England House (World Cup 06), Southampton



K6 Gallery, Southampton 2016



The Caravan Gallery at the Bluecoat, Liverpool



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Brutal balcony baskets, Southampton 2016

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