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## Belfast Photo Festival Open Submission 2024

Category: Photography

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Belfast Photo Festival, established in 2011 as a non-profit organization, has become a significant fixture in the international photography scene. Acknowledged by Capture Magazine as one of the "best photography festivals in the world," the annual event attracts over 100 thousand visitors each year. This festival distinguishes itself as a leading cultural phenomenon in Europe, showcasing both National and International contemporary photography across a network of 30 museums, galleries, and public spaces in Belfast, UK.

The festival's inclusive approach emphasizes accessibility and innovation, offering a diverse program that spans exhibitions, talks, symposiums, workshops, screenings, masterclasses, portfolio reviews, and tours. Beyond its artistic endeavors, Belfast Photo Festival consistently engages with the political, social, and cultural climate of Belfast, using photography as a lens to explore global issues. With an open theme, the festival invites photographers from around the world to contribute lens-based works that may include other artistic forms.

As the festival approaches its next edition scheduled for June 1 - 30, 2024, it continues to be a focal point for both emerging and established artists. Explore the upcoming edition to witness the convergence of diverse perspectives and narratives within the realm of contemporary photography. The festival's commitment to excellence, accessibility, and the impactful role of photography remains evident, making it a noteworthy event in the global cultural calendar.

The entry fee is €29.

## **Eligibility**

Open to all photographers worldwide. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Individuals and collectives are welcome to apply, with the opportunity to submit between 1 and 15 photographs or a photo-book for exhibition.

## Prize

The festival offers artists/photographers the opportunity to exhibit their work in the main Festival gallery alongside established names in photography. Selected works may also be exhibited at the 2025 Photo Schwiez Festival in Switzerland and featured in arts magazines Abridged and Aesthetica. The winners are eligible for various awards, including the Spotlight Award with a cash prize of £2,000, Aesthetica Editorial Award for a full presentation in an upcoming printed/digital issue, Years Free RPS Membership, and Abridged Editorial Award for presentation in a special Festival issue. The festival provides extensive exposure opportunities, including inclusion in the Festival's award-winning marketing and PR campaign, international press exposure, and outdoor exhibition of finalists' work.