

**Photographer**

Clodagh Tumilty, LIPF

Accreditations

LIPF – September 2014

Joined

September 2009

Overview

My husband Brendan and I joined DPS in September 2009. I had never even held a DSLR camera so everything was new to me and very much a steep learning curve. I found that most new members in the club had some idea of what photography involved but I hadn't a clue. My exposure to the world of photography consisted of the use of disposable cameras up to that point in time but I have a keen interest in art and photography spoke to the artist in me.

We bought a Canon 500D camera and whilst Brendan took off, I just stumbled along, not really getting to grips with the camera (though laziness) for about 2½ years when I finally decided in January 2012 to really make an effort to conquer this little black box that wrecked my head so much – aperture, shutter speed and ISO, between them they nearly had me driven demented and I almost gave up. If it wasn't for the constant encouragement from Brendan and the fabulous members in DPS, my photography skills would never have progressed.

In 2013, I won the Non-Advanced Photographer of the Year much to my surprise and managed to hold my own in the Advanced Section in 2013/2014. Since then my images have been included in the club's panels for the National Shield and most recently in it's FIAP World Cup entry for 2014. I also bit the bullet and entered the IPF Print and Projected Image in 2013 for the first time and won my first medal for an image of mother and I could not be more proud that this was the image I won it for.

In September 2014 I was awarded my LIPF and now it's just onwards and upwards. I like taking a wide variety of images but I'm happiest strolling along the deserted beaches in my home county of Donegal with my trusty camera in tow. Since November 2013 I have using a Canon 6D Camera with various lenses.

I haven't been brave enough to enter the world of salon photography yet.

I served as joint Competition Secretary of DPS for a year and have been the club secretary from 2012.

Achievements to Date

2014

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“Nanette – A Life Lived” selected to represent DPS in the FIAP 2014 World Cup

“Nanette – A Life Lived” – Silver Medal, Colour Print Section, Print & Projected Image

2013

Non-Advanced Photographer of the Year 2013

2012

Took the plunge and started entering the Club's monthly competitions.