Dublin University Photography Society Secretary's Report 2022/23

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This secretary's report covers the activities and organisation of the Dublin University Photography Society (DUPA) during the 2022/2023 academic year.

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Membership

The membership of the DU Photography Society as of the 31st of June 2023 was 445.

AGM

The AGM on April 19th, 2022 elected a committee for the 2022/2023 academic year.
There were no constitutional amendments proposed at the 2022 AGM.

Committee

At the beginning of the academic year 2022/2023 the membership of the committee was as follows:

- Chairperson: Ava Chapman
- Secretary: Megan Ní Mhathúna
- Treasurer: Lucy Shuyao Lu
- Darkroom Officer: Henry James
- Exhibitions Officer: Lauren Carroll
- Equipment Officer: Vivien Sweet
- Classes & Speakers Officer: Joseph O'Connor
- Visual Communications Officer: Aiesha Wong
- Public Relations Officer: Bahram Khan
- Travel Officer: Mark Kavanagh
- Ordinary Committee Members: Seamus Carroll, Eoin Finnegan

In October of 2022, the Committee requested the resignation of Bahram Khan from his position as Public Relations Officer. The Committee voted to appoint Eoin Finnegan as his replacement and voted to appoint Bahram Khan as the OCM replacement. The confirmation of this appointment was set to be confirmed at the following EGM.

Constitutional Changes

There were no constitutional amendments proposed at the 2022 AGM.

During the Committee Meeting on October 3rd, 2022, a motion to amend the constitution was put forward by Ava Chapman (Chair) and seconded by Megan (Secretary) and Lucy (Treasurer). The proposed amendment was to add the role of 1st Year Representative to the committee. The committee passed the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment was set to be confirmed at the following EGM.

An EGM was scheduled for November 7th, 2023 and the constitution amendment was ratified, along with confirmation of the appointments to the PRO and the OCM. The changes were submitted to the

CSC Executive to be ratified.

Since then, Eoin Finnegan has served as the PRO and Bahram Khan serving as an OCM.

On November 16th, the CSC Executive ratified the amendment to add a first year representative to the committee.

Committee Meetings
Committee Meetings were held weekly on Mondays, at 6 o'clock in the DUPA room.
Society members were communicated with via the weekly email along with our Instagram.

Meetings were held on the following dates:

September 2022	12, 20, 28
October 2022	3, 13, 20
November 2022	1, 7, 14, 21, 28
December 2022	5, 12
January 2023	23, 30
February 2023	7, 13, 20, 27
March 2023	13, 20, 29
April 2023	3, 11

Society Rooms
The society room was used primarily for storage by the society although there were coffee mornings held by the society in the room on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

The society room was used daily by committee members and ordinary members. The committee meetings were held in the main common room. Equipment was also stored in the main common room. Ordinary members regularly booked time to use the scanning station.

Darkroom workshops used the Atrium Darkroom and the common room twice a week.
The Atrium Darkroom and the House 6 Darkroom were used by members throughout the year, culminating in up to 25 hours of darkroom usage per week.

EVENTS
Michaelmas Term

“Featured Photographer” is DUPA's weekly showcase of one of our members' art. Their photos are showcased in the weekly email and on our Instagram, along with a short bio.

Week 1
- Featured photographers
- Gallery hop with VisArts, beginning at the RHA
- Disposable camera pub crawl where members were given disposable cameras and had to complete a photo challenge.
- RE Exhibition in the GMB showcasing the work of previous exhibitions to freshers
- Collage workshop with Devin Lee.

Week 2
- Featured Photographer

- Beginners photography workshop aimed at teaching photography basics to all of our new members in the Eliz Room
- Madrid Trip announced to members

Week 3

- Museum trip to the Dublin Photography Museum, led by curator Darren Campiomi which focused on photography's power to document social change in Ireland
- Submissions to our next Exhibition announced "Untouched"

Week 4

- Darkroom Orientation led by Darkroom officer Henry James, teaching basic darkroom skills and opening and closing the darkroom. From this week onwards Henry began teaching two darkroom workshops, a film developing session and an intro to printing session. These became two of our weekly events.
- Featured photographer

Week 5

- Composition class led by Ava Chapman and Joseph O Connor which provided an overview of the composition rules of photography and when to break them
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 6

- Untouched Exhibition closed, with Lauren Carroll leading the committee on photo selection
- This year we implemented an anonymous form so that the committee would not know who submitted
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Untouched Exhibition

- Held in the Atrium loft, with traditional Irish Musician and Harpist Molly Donnery performing. We had over 300 submissions which meant a good range of photography was showcased
- Over 200 attendees.

Week 7

Trip to Madrid. Please refer to Travel Officers Report

Week 8

We held elections for the position of first year representative, With Froya Mostue-Thomas being elected

- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 9

- Photo walk to Killiney Hill - on saturday we all got the DART to Killiney Hill followed by a

short hike up the hill. These walks provided a good opportunity to knowledge share
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 10
- Sports Photography Workshop led by Seamus Carroll. Held in the Atrium AV room with around 15 attendees
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 11
- **DUPA** helped to curate a mini exhibition for Trinity ARTS FESTIVal which looked at how damaged or broken film can still be used in photography
- This was showcased in the GMB as part of the festivals GMb TAKEOVER
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 12
- Coffee hour and photobook showcase in celebration of Rainbow week. We discussed Queer photography and the role it played in documenting the LGBT experience
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshop Home Again exhibition theme announced
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Home Again Exhibition held in the Fumbally stables
- Over 400 attendees.

Hilary Term

Week 1
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops
- Medium and Large format portraits announced

Week 2
- Medium and Large format portraits class held in the rose garden, led by Henry James, Joseph O Connor and Lucy Lu
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops
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Week 3
- Howth photowalk in Howth (lol) led by Mark Kavanagh where we completed half of the bog of Frogs loop
- Followed by drinks and knowledge share in the bloody stream pub
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 4
- Print collection for all of those featured in our exhibitions so far.
- Henry James then used all of our uncollected prints to create a mini permanent collection in

our Hallway to showcase our previous art
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 5
- Reception held in O'Donoghues on Baggot Street
- Meeting at 7pm at the campanile
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 6
- An Editing Workshop was held this week led by Aiesha Wong and Seamus Carroll. This was held in the Eliz room and had around 18 attendees
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops
- Valentines Day Portrait photography class held by Ava and Lucy in Collaboration with TCD FASHION soc
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Week 7
- Reading week

Week 8
- Tony O Shea Exhibition trip in photomuseum Ireland
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops
- Submissions opened for DUPAS, an improvised image exhibition in collaboration with Jazz Soc!

Week 9
- TAF Dupa photo challenge where we asked TAF and DUPA members to tag us in their instagram stories with 2 rolls of film as the prize Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshop
- Coffee hour with Ava and photobooks!
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops

Week 10
- An improvised image exhibition in the Atrium on Campus with over 250 attendees.
- Featured Photographer
- Darkroom Workshops
- We also attended mike Bunns exhibition in Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park

Week 11
- iPhone Photography Class with Kate Lawlor, an award-winning Irish Digital photographer
- Preparing a portfolio class held with Margareta Ruyschaert
- Submissions opened for our end of Year 75th anniversary Exhibition with an open theme
- John Gunn secured for sponsorship

Week 12
- Photohike in collaboration with TRINITY HIKING society to Lough Dan and Inchicore Valley
- CSC awards where we were delighted to win best online presence!!!

- Photobook Coffee hour was held
- DUPA merch drop organised by Henry James
- AGM announcement

END OF YEAR EXHIBITION 75TH ANNIVERSARY

- Our EYE exhibition was held in the Copperhouse Gallery, with sponsorship secured from John Gunn, Coole Swan and X Drinks and Fallon and Byrne
- The place was literally jammed with people and from the music, food and drink we and of course, the incredible art we were absolutely blown away by how much of a success it was!

AGM 2023

On Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023, DUPA held its Annual General Meeting at Trinity College Dublin in the Maxwell Theatre of the Hamilton. The meeting commenced at 18:30.
Thirty Four members in attendance including 2022-23 committee members.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting reviewed and approved.

3. Reports from the Officer given:

    a. Chair, Ava Chapman

    b. Secretary, Megan Ní Mhathúna

    c. Treasurer, Lucy Shuyao Lu

The following members were elected to the committee:

- Chairperson: Séamus Carroll
- Secretary: Josh Hernon
- Treasurer: Sofia Rooney
- Darkroom Officer: Henry James
- Exhibitions Officer: Maisie McGregor
- Equipment Officer: Lauren Carroll
- Classes & Speakers Officer: Luke Rabbitte
- Visual Communications Officer: Alice Weaver
- Public Relations Officer: Frøya Mostue-Thomas
- Travel Officer: Cate Lufinha
- Ordinary Committee Members: Alex Andrés, Stephen Hayden

No other business or constitutional amendments were presented.

The AGM adjourned at 20:15.