

Photoworks Surgeries

How to prepare

Monday 24 November – Online

Photoworks is launching a new one-day programme of portfolio & career surgeries, offering a chance to receive personalised, one-to-one advice from the Photoworks team. These 20-minute one-to-one online sessions are designed for lens-based artists and cultural professionals, including creatives, producers, writers, and curators working with photography who want to discuss their practice, challenges and ambitions through supportive and objective conversations.

Surgeries take place 24 November, online via Zoom at various times between 10am – 4pm GMT. You can select and book your sessions via the [Photoworks Surgeries](#) page

Who are the sessions for?

These sessions are designed for emerging and mid-career professionals across the cultural sector. They are particularly relevant if you work in, or are looking to enter, fields such as:

- Lens-based artists and photographers
- Curators
- Producers, programmers and arts coordinators
- Arts writers and critics
- Artist-facilitators
- Arts marketers and communications professionals
- Cultural professionals involved in learning, community engagement or socially engaged practice

What can you focus on during your session?

You can tailor your session around a variety of areas, including:

- Developing a lens-based portfolio, photobook, or specific project
- Preparing submissions for open calls or funding applications
- Planning socially engaged or participatory programmes (including work with young people)
- Writing about your work or developing your art writing practice
- Navigating career pathways or considering a pivot within the creative sector
- Developing or delivering an arts programme, event or festival
- Building your audience, marketing your work, or increasing your visibility

Optional preparation form

To help us provide the most relevant and focused advice, we invite you to complete a [short preparation form](#) after booking your session(s). This form is especially useful if you have specific goals or challenges you want to address, such as feedback on a particular project or guidance on an application you're working on.

If you prefer a more open-ended conversation or are still exploring your priorities, completing the form is completely optional. Our team will always tailor the session based on your needs as they arise during your meeting.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE OPTIONAL PREPARATION FORM](#)

Using Zoom for your surgery sessions

All sessions will take place online via Zoom. Ahead of the sessions, you'll receive an email with your meeting links. We recommend downloading the Zoom app for the best experience, as it offers smoother video and audio quality compared to using a browser. You don't need to create a Zoom account to join, whether using the app or a browser; simply click the link at your scheduled time to join as a guest. For a successful session, try to be in a quiet, well-lit space and test your audio/video beforehand.

If you need help with Zoom, feel free to contact us at info@photoworks.org.uk

Further tips

Our Director, Louise Fedotov-Clements, will share her insights and guidance in a dedicated article, which will be made available to all surgery participants ahead of the sessions on 24 November.