



## New Westminster Photography Club (NWPC)

### Mission Statement and Goals

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To foster a vibrant community of photographers of all skill levels who are passionate about learning, sharing, and growing through the art of photography. We aim to inspire creativity, encourage collaboration, and provide opportunities for personal and artistic development in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

#### **Goals and Objectives**

##### **1. Skill Development**

- Offer learning opportunities through workshops, presentations, demonstrations, and themed challenges.
- Support member-led knowledge sharing and discussion at regular meetings.
- Invite guest speakers, where feasible, to broaden members' exposure to diverse practices and perspectives.
- Encourage creative exploration through photo walks, exhibitions, and challenges that inspire experimentation and growth.

##### **2. Constructive Feedback and Mentorship**

- Provide supportive spaces for image sharing and critique that help members grow through thoughtful dialogue.
- Encourage experienced members to mentor newcomers and contribute to special interest groups, fostering leadership and club sustainability.

##### **3. Community Engagement**

- Promote photography in the wider community through public exhibitions, outreach, and participation in local events.
- Showcase members' work on the club website and other platforms to celebrate accomplishments and raise the club's profile.

##### **4. Social Connection**

- Strengthen friendships and connection through regular meetings, outings, and collaborative projects that celebrate our shared passion.
- Create opportunities to reduce social isolation through inclusive, welcoming participation.

##### **5. Inclusivity and Accessibility**

- Welcome photographers from diverse backgrounds, skill levels, and photographic styles.
- Structure meetings, events, and programs to ensure everyone feels respected, valued, and able to participate meaningfully.