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#CONNECTED2016 PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Grand Launch Event – Saturday 30th April 2016 (FREE admission)

Patchings Art Centre, Oxtou Road Calverton NG14 6NU, 1BApril 30, 2016– 10am – 5pm the Pavilion Gallery

The photography event of the spring: great images, great speakers and a great day out for all in Nottingham. Promoting creatives from Nottingham and all over the UK.

#Connected2016 – 'Individuality' is the 9th annual exhibition of inspirational photography hosted by the Nottingham Flickr Group and bringing together some of the most talented and passionate amateur and pro photographers across the UK. Connected unites the artists by their love of image making and being creative, it's about vision and the creative spirit so disregards the formal pomp of status, stature, selection committees and competition. Connected aims to bring this love of and passion for image making to everyone through our exhibition which will feature photographs brought to life in their printed form alongside a multimedia experience to encapsulate the viewer in the photographic Vision.

We are really excited to bring to Nottingham two fantastic guest speakers at the opening event on Saturday the 30th April; The supremely talented Guy Aubertin and one of the most talented outdoor - landscape photographers in the UK Vanda Ralevska. Demand to see these two inspirational speakers is sure to be huge so please arrive early on the 30th April to guarantee your seat for the illustrated presentations starting at 1pm. #Connected

promises to inspire, excite and challenge the viewer to make a deeper connection with the creativity of the artists involved. For up to date news and info about the exhibition and the photographers involved check out the #Connected exhibition web site: www.connected-exhibition.co.uk

"The Connected ethos means that everybody can exhibit their work. No Simon Cowell telling you that you will never make it, only likeminded people with a love of photography encouraging you. You will definitely enjoy the Connected experience and you may even start to realise that, like most people, you are in fact better than you would have yourself believe." Paul Heathcote 2015.

The Connected Exhibition Aims & Ethos:

- *To bring together photographers from across the UK and world of all levels and abilities.*
- *To enable photographers to exhibit on equal stature regardless of being amateur or professional, of all ages and all genres.*
- *To offer an 'open' and inclusive exhibition policy with no stuffy selection committees.*
- *To break down as many barriers as possible that prevent people from exhibiting their work.*
- *To provide opportunity, support and encouragement enabling people to exhibit their work.*
- *To foster an atmosphere of collaboration and community.*
- *To promote photography and it's appreciation within the wider art community.*
- *To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of printed photographic work.*
- *To give everyone the opportunity to exhibit their work at a world renowned arts venue.*
- *To promote the enjoyment of photography and art for all.*



'Connected 2016 – Individuality' is presented in partnership with our paper and printing partner Fotospeed professional inkjet media and ink & Picture Parade (Sheffield) professional mounting and framing services.

Each year we like to give something back to the community and this year we have chosen to support the [Van Geest Cancer Research Centre in Nottingham](http://www.vangeest.org). We will be running a charity print auction in between the two guest speaker slots to raise money for Van Geest. The exhibition itself and presentations are FREE admission.

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