

WANT TO GET HANDS ON WITH PHOTOGRAPHY AND SHARE YOUR ANECDOTES OF WORK-LIFE?

PhotoEast are delighted to be offering community based workshops to Rural Coffee Caravan, as part of the “Suffolk Work/Life Project”. This is being delivered in partnership with Suffolk County Council as part of preparations to launch the new record and archive office this spring, and generate an interest in heritage, through photography old and new. It aims to link archive imagery of industrial, agricultural and unemployment over the last hundred years in Suffolk with contemporary concepts of work and future employment opportunities.

We enjoyed meeting many of the Rural Coffee Caravan attendees at the December session and aim to deliver two workshops in Brampton at both the February and March get-togethers. These may involve reminiscence with show and tell, some layering of text over images and the creation of images by photographing objects that you worked with – tools of the trade – in interesting ways (see below). There will be the opportunity for the resulting images to be on display in Ipswich as part of the opening weekend (to coincide with VE day) and beyond.

Further to our December and January visits, please do think about the below questions and come along with some more answers, objects and stories in February.

- What kind of work did you do?
- What sights, sounds and even smells do you remember from your time at work?
- What ‘tools of the trade’ did you use?
- Do you still have these and would you be happy to bring them in? Remember that even ‘mundane’ tools like stationery items can be photographed in intriguing ways so please bring along any portable, physical items that you still have, or of the type you worked with
- Did you wear a uniform or have particular dress code for work?
- Regardless of what you wore, do you have any visual records of this or photographs of yourself at work?
- Would you be happy taking, or juxtaposing then and now portrait photographs?
- What personal archive material do you have at home and are happy to bring in and share
- Do you have images of your workplace or work environment, indoors or out, peopled or empty, that we can transcribe memories and stories onto?
- Do you have camera equipment, either on a phone, a digital camera or an older film camera that you would like help with using? If so what’s the model
- We really look forward to seeing you again, hearing your stories, working on this exciting project and helping you can get hands-on with photography!



If you have any queries about the project, please don't hesitate to contact Karen Hubbard by calling 07900 987927 or emailing karenlhubbard@gmail.com.