

Judges announced for Norwich Skyline Photography Competition

Heritage and history experts join National Grid to pick winners including the £250 top prize

Harry Yates from the Fakenham Museum of Gas and Local History and Paul Burall from the Norwich Society will join representatives from National Grid to judge the winners in the Norwich Skyline Photography Competition, it is announced today (24 May).

Reflecting the competition's focus on celebrating and commemorating the contribution the gasholders have made to the Norwich skyline, Harry and Paul will bring their unique insights to the judging panel.

They join National Grid's Bethan Short, land regeneration advisor and Matthew Worman, regional external affairs manager, who are delivering the planned dismantling of the gasholders at Gas Hill.

The competition opened on 17 May and the deadline for entries is midnight on 7 June. The judging will take place week commencing 11 June and the winners will be announced at an event on 20 June, being held at St Matthew's Church on Telegraph Lane West (between 1pm and 8pm).

Information about the competition and how to enter is all available at the competition website at www.norwichskylinephoto.com

Harry Yates, Fakenham Museum of Gas and Local History, said: "Industrial heritage is important and there are lots of different ways to celebrate it. This competition gives people a great opportunity to photograph their favourite perspective of the Norwich skyline and the gasholders within that, contributing to the overall record before the gasholders come down. I'm pleased to play a part by joining the judging panel and am looking forward to seeing an exciting and creative mix of entries."

Bethan Short from National Grid said: "This is about working with the city and the community to mark the contribution the gasholders have made. We're getting some

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great entries and are really looking forward to the judging and then putting on a display of the winning photographs and the best of the entries at our event on 20 June.”

The 20 June event will include a formal presentation of the prizes plus a display of the best submissions – photos will be displayed in a special ‘gallery’ set up for the occasion.

Members of National Grid’s site team will be at the event which, as well as marking the photography competition prize-giving, will be an opportunity to find out more about how National Grid will be dismantling the gasholders and how it will be commemorating their heritage. Further details of the event can be found on the website.

Approximately 650 letters have been issued to homes and businesses around the Gas Hill gasholder site to let people know about the planned dismantling work, to invite them to the 20 June event and to introduce the photography competition.

National Grid will continue to keep neighbours and stakeholders informed throughout the programme to take down the gasholders. Work is scheduled to start week commencing 9 July and continue through to the end of the year.

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Notes to Editors:

The Norwich Skyline Photography Competition is open to all amateur photographers and aims to celebrate and share photographs of the city and views across it.

The competition has two categories:

1. The Norwich Skyline (a photograph taken from any angle and taken from anywhere).
2. Gasholders in the Skyline (a composition which includes, in any form, the gasholders on Gas Hill).

Entries should be submitted by midnight on 7 June and the winners will be announced at an event on 20 June.

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The prizes on offer are for vouchers for photographic equipment from London Camera Exchange (in Castle Mall) and will be awarded as follows:

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1. Best photograph in the Norwich skyline category (£150 voucher for photographic equipment)
2. Best photograph in the Gasholders in the skyline category (£150 voucher for photographic equipment)
3. Best Young photographer, for anyone aged 17 or under on 20 June 2018 (£150 voucher for photographic equipment)

The judges will then choose a 'best overall' photograph from these three and the overall Norwich Skyline Photography Competition winner will receive an additional £100 voucher meaning they take home a total prize of £250 worth of photographic equipment.

The competition winners will be announced at an event at St Matthews Church (just up Gas Hill from the gasholders) on Wednesday 20 June.

Full information and Terms & Conditions for the competition are available on www.norwichskylinephoto.com

The gasholders at Gas Hill are scheduled to be dismantled during the summer and autumn (a specialist contractor team will move onto the site in July).

Manufacturing of gas at the Gas Hill gasworks ceased in circa 1956. Storage of gas at the site continued until 2009.

In addition to this Norwich Skyline Photography Competition, National Grid is carrying out comprehensive heritage photography and a detailed photographic record of the gasholders so that this can be archived and the heritage of the gasholders commemorated.

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