

## GUIDELINES REGARDING TAKING OF AND PUBLISHING PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS

### ***Can I publish photographs / videos containing people and children ?***

**Yes** - For images captured in locations where there can be no reasonable expectation of privacy, the photographer does not need the permission of the individual(s) who appear in that photograph in order to publish it online, in a newspaper, textbook or in a magazine.

The Data Protection Act includes a 'special purposes' exemption and such publication would not constitute a breach of the right to privacy. The general term for such usage is 'editorial' and the photographer can pass on or sell their work for that purpose (and may use the images for the purpose of artistic expression).

Good examples include news reporters, event photographers and of course paparazzi. The same rights extend to all photographers, amateur or professional.

### ***Do I need permission before I take someone's photograph ?***

**No** - There are no laws preventing photography of people, children, buildings, objects or anything else in a public place, or in any place open to the public where photography is not expressly prohibited. There is no expectation of privacy in a public place.

But don't be a pest, and don't get in anyone's way or cause an obstruction - if you're overly persistent you could face a harassment charge (most usually this will be the province of the more aggressive realms of the paparazzi).

### ***Asking our Members' permission***

As far as our U3A is concerned, where practicable one should ask if anyone has objections (eg. at a small event or group activity session this may be practicable but at a larger event it may not be).

### ***If a Member objects to having their photo/video taken / published or objects on behalf of another Member***

As far as our U3A is concerned we ask that that person's wishes are immediately adhered to by not publishing the photo/video and by permanently destroying or deleting it.

If a photo/video has already been published it may not be practicable to withdraw it in which case the Member would be re-assured that there will be no future occurrences.

### ***Where or when might it be wrong or illegal to take photographs ?***

If you take photographs on private land without the knowledge or permission of the landowner you could be charged with trespass, it's both prudent and polite to check it's OK before you start taking pictures.

You are not permitted to take photographs on private land where the landowner has expressly prohibited photography.