U3AC Photo Forum
2024 - 2025

Course Objectives

- **Improve our individual practice of photography by:**

  - taking photos, not merely dredging our archives

  - learning from each other's experience & the work of established photographers, past & contemporary

  - critically analysing our own work

  - Participating in the various assignments

- **Mount an exhibition at U3AC in January 2025**

Today's Objectives

- Get to know something about each other's photographic:

  - experience

  - interests

- Agree some Rules of Engagement

- Outline the programme for this term
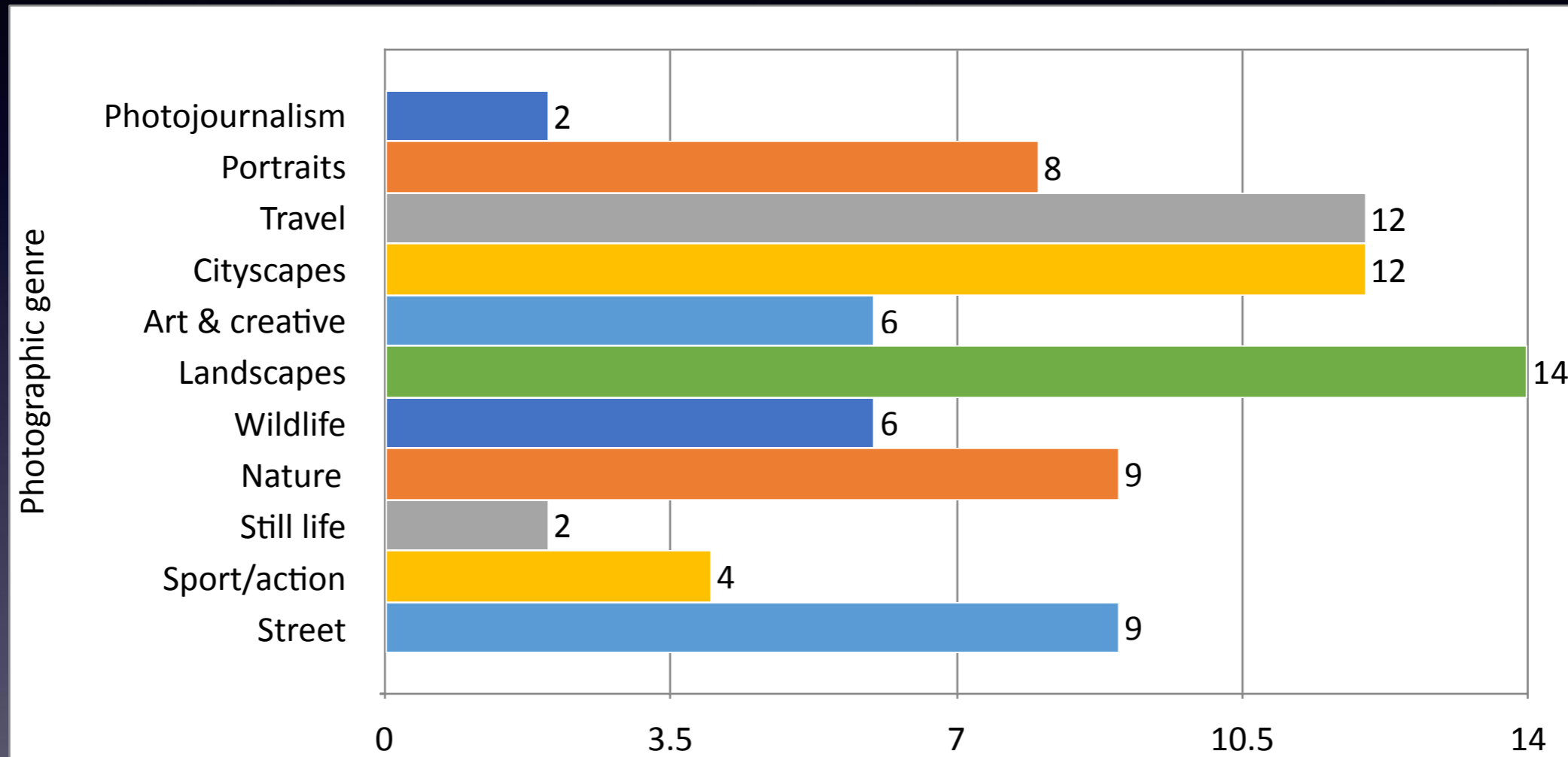
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Our Photographic experience
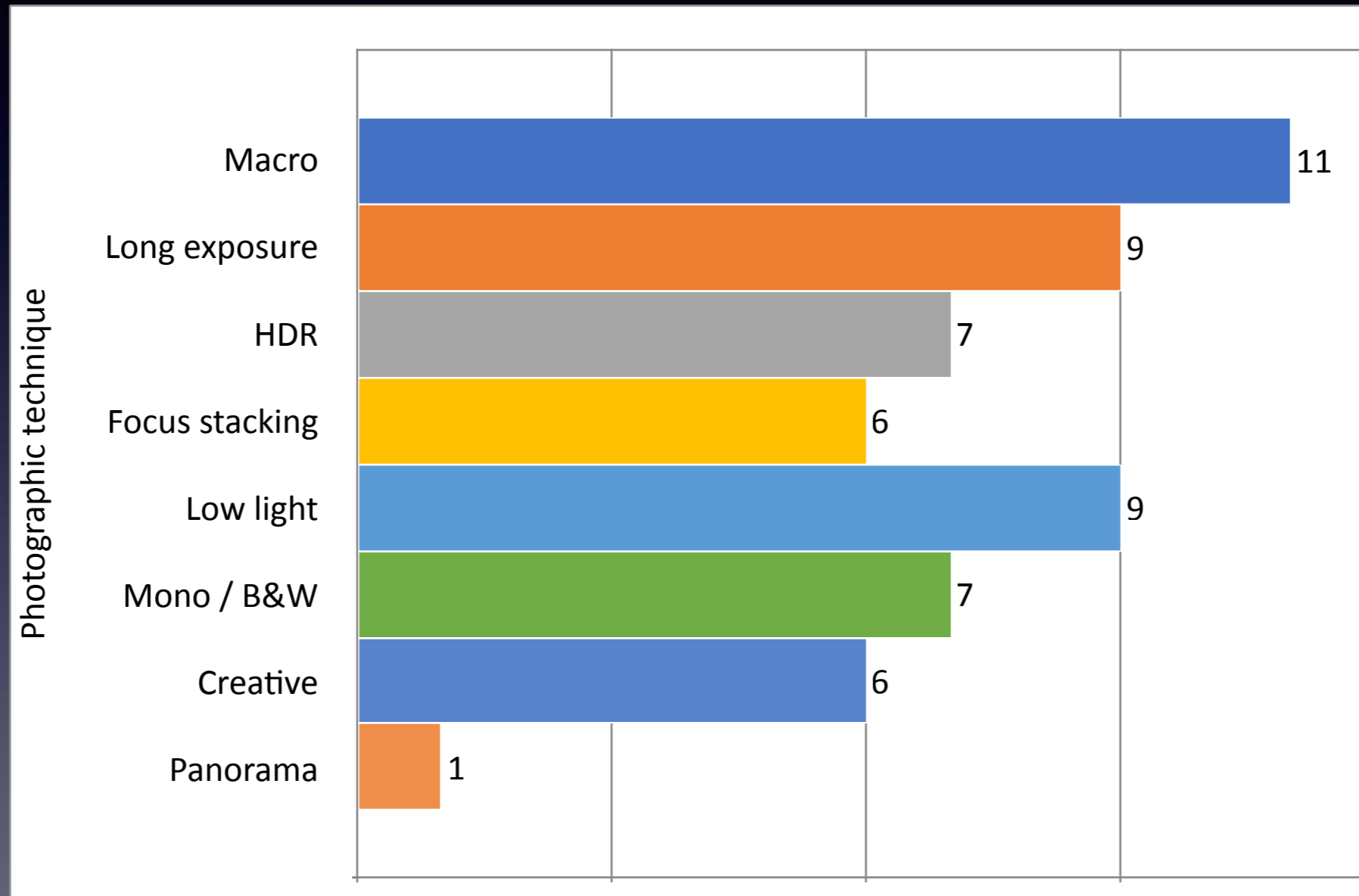
Total over 680 years
makes average 45 years

No-one < 10years
<20 years experience = 3
50+ years experience = 9

How much have we collectively spent
on photographic equipment down the years?

Our Photographic Interests - techniques

Techniques will be discussed in the context of each genre

What kit do we use?

Camera Brand	Number of users
Canon	5
iPhone	7
Nikon	4
Olympus	3
Panasonic LUMIX	3
Fuji	2

Lots of you cited mobile phones as secondary cameras

Post-processing software

Adobe Elements	1
Adobe Lightroom	6
Adobe Photoshop	6
Apple Photos	2

The following mentioned once:
Affinity, Luminar Neo, Microsoft, DxO Nik, Topaz,
Capture One, Aurora, Helicon

What photo sharing sites do we use?

None	10
Flickr	3
Facebook	3
Instagram	2
Photocrowd	1

What do you do with your photos?

Rules of engagement

what our course ….

…. will be:

- participative
- educational
- fun

… won't be:

- a substitute camera club
- competitive
- series of "how to" sessions

You will get out in proportion to what you put in

Programme for Autumn Term 2024

The course will be based on
a combination of classroom & practical assignments.

Format for each session in autumn & spring terms will be:

- review of work from the previous assignment
- briefing for next assignment

Summer term will
several in-house practical sessions

Assignments for Autumn Term 2024

30th October
Two self-portraits - one formal, one informal

13th November
Two photos - a published photographer & one of yours

27th November
Revisit historic Cambridge scenes

11th December
Fun edited photos

Exhibition

13 January 2025 until 17 February

Will be displayed in Gallery area

Space for approx 20 images on hanging boards

Six weeks allows time to have two showings

Subject(s) of our choosing

Course Admin

For the feedback sessions you will need to send images to me to compile prior to the class.

Talks will be loaded onto the course website:
www.zimbushboy.online will also contain programme

If you're unwell, please do not come to the class

If, after today, you decide this class is not for you, please tell the office staff you are withdrawing asap. There is a waiting list.

for next session, 30th October….

Please send me two self-portraits by Sunday 27th:

A formal portrait

A casual/fun portrait

Briefing for published and our own similar photos assignment

See you in a fortnight, same time & place