

Copyright – photos of learners’ work

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This sheet is intended primarily for tutors and learners in Arts and Crafts, particularly where cameras are used to record learners’ work, but the general principles apply across all areas. For additional information on copyright issues, see www.ipo.gov.uk

Copyright of Learners’ Work

Under UK copyright law, any piece of original creative work receives automatic copyright protection as soon as it is recorded in any way – on paper, electronically, on film or in an audio recording. Therefore, any learners’ work that is photographed – and so recorded - by Devon ACL automatically receives copyright protection. The copyright of that piece of work then belongs to the original creator of the work – in this case the learner.

Copyright of Photographs

When a photograph is taken, it receives automatic copyright protection in the same way as any other creative work. The copyright of that photo then belongs to the photographer, unless it was taken during the course of the photographer’s employment in which case it belongs to their employer.

Photographs of Learners’ Work

A photograph of a learner’s piece of work involves two copyrights. The photograph itself is copyright protected and the learner’s work is copyright protected.

Photographs on the Internet

A photo uploaded to the Internet has the same copyright protection as one published in any other way. However, the nature of the Internet means it is impossible to protect a photo once uploaded - but also means that work published this way can reach a wide audience.

Photographs of people

Where the subject of a photograph is a person, or people, they do not receive any copyright protection. However it is Devon ACL policy to seek the subject’s approval before publishing the photograph outside of the teaching and learning environment. Photographs of Adults with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities within Devon ACL are a special case and must be referred to the appropriate Team Leader.

Permission: Photographs of **your work** on the Internet

I
consent to photographs of my work being published on the Internet by Devon Adult & Community Learning for purposes related to teaching and learning.

Signed Date.....

Permission: Photographs of **you**, and descriptions of your involvement

I
consent to pictures of myself, and/or descriptions of my involvement in a course, being published on the Internet by Devon Adult & Community Learning as long as I am not identified or named without giving my further permission to do so.

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