# **Every Picture Tells a Story**



Age: P4-7 Length: 1.5 hours Availability: May 12th-16th

## Programme Description

Explore the garden through the lens of the photographic medium. In our modern world we are increasingly using pictures to express ourselves and tell our personal stories. We will introduce you to techniques that will enable you to focus and observe the natural world in different ways and to capture the essence of the garden. Through hands-on outdoor activities we will bring these abstract concepts to life and help you build creative skills that you can take away with you.

## **Learning Outcomes**

Learners will be able to-

- Recognise fundamental rules of image composition and apply these rules in a real
  -life context
- Discover ways of creating eye catching images including simple lighting and framing techniques
- Apply these skills to take photographs which tell a story and express emotion
- Practice the meta-skills of creativity and communicating.

### **Curriculum Links**

EXA 1-05a / EXA 2-05a, EXA 1-02a, EXA 2-02a, SCN 1-12b

## On the day

- Your students will take part in a variety of hands-on activities in the garden, facilitated by one of our learning team. These encourage curiosity and connecting with both photography and nature through observation and sensory exploration.
- There will be opportunities to work in pairs and in small groups, you may find it useful to organise your groups according to number of adult helpers. Groups will always work in the same area of the garden overseen by our learning officer.
- Your accompanying staff and adults will be actively involved in supporting the students throughout the session.
- Most of this programme takes place outside so appropriate clothing and shoes should be worn.
- Our learning staff will make sure that children receive a short health and safety briefing before going outside.
- Each child will have the opportunity to take 1 photograph of something in the garden which makes them feel happy. We will share the link to the photo files within 7 days after the session has taken place. Please note there will be no people in these photographs.

#### **Online Resources**

Our Schools' Online Learning Area is blooming with a variety of learning resources to help young people and their educators have fun while learning about the important work of the botanic gardens.

We have a mix of learning resources and plant adventures for lower and upper primary children; secondary and young adults; educators; and families. Explore the relevant section to find out which resources might be suitable for you and/or your class.



