

# Free 'open city' photography exhibition

A three-week photography exhibition organised by Cityco, the city centre management company, will open to the public on Friday 9 July in the Triangle shopping centre. Displaying more than 28 images taken by amateur photographers, the exhibition showcases the work of some of the 112 people who took part in Manchester's first 'open city' photography day, held in May.

Five renowned Manchester photographers, including Aidan O'Rourke, Andrew Brooks, Len Grant, Paul Herrmann and Mark Page, took part in the initiative which is a first step towards Manchester becoming an 'open city' for photography. Each photographer held a workshop in Manchester city centre with a group of enthusiastic amateurs and the free exhibition reveals the results.

Vaughan Allen, chief executive of Manchester city centre management company, Cityco said: "The 'open city' photography day was a huge success. We had great weather and a fantastic turnout. The exhibition is a celebration of Manchester through the lens. If it inspires more people to take up photography and capture the essence of our wonderful city, then together we'll have achieved something really special. I'm very grateful to all those that took part."

Photographer, Len Grant, said: "People should come down and have a look at what was produced on that lovely sunny afternoon back in May. The standard of photography was incredibly high. There are so many varying styles creating some truly stunning shots. I'm sure visitors will be impressed with what they find, and each will have their favourites."

Michelle Atack, Marketing Manager for the Triangle shopping centre said: "We're really pleased to host this exhibition as we're always looking for ways to add value to our shopping experience. As Mancunians we are all very proud of our city and this really comes across in the pictures on display. I'm sure this is going to be a popular attraction for visitors to the centre in the coming weeks."

Dave Derbyshire, Managing Director of Astra Signs, who built the exhibition said: "This is such an exciting initiative and so good for the city that, when we were approached to get involved, we immediately wanted to help. Manchester is an incredibly vibrant city and these images capture the essence of it so well."

**The free exhibition is located on the basement level of the centre and is open from 10am – 6pm seven days a week from 9 – 29 July 2010.**

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