

U3A Photography Group meeting February 2025 – Report by Alan Kenwright; Photographs by Ian Royston and Alan Kenwright.

In February the photography group visited the National Glass Centre in Sunderland, an ideal venue for the time of year as we were pretty well independent of the vagaries of the weather. In addition to the photographic possibilities provided by the architecture of this sadly neglected building, we were able to explore the various exhibitions at the Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art (housed in the same building). Not all of it to everyone's taste (as you would expect!) but it certainly provided some interesting subjects for photography. Finally, we were treated to a demonstration of breathtaking skills by the glassblowers who fashioned a beautiful vase from scratch before our eyes. If anyone has never visited the centre, I would strongly recommend a visit before it closes (possibly permanently!) in July this year.

