

OUT & ABOUT Winner

Extending our passion

Vũ Đức Lộc Thọ

On a busy street, there is a constant flow of people. But with the help of his digital camera and tripod, this man found an interesting angle almost effortlessly.

“Everyone wanted to take pictures,” recalls Tho Vu, who captured this image during the Lunar New Year celebrations in London. “It was so crowded that it seemed impossible to take a clear shot. Then I turned around and saw this man. All the younger people were struggling, including me, but the way he took photographs was so simple and relaxed. Without the help of technology, this would have been impossible.”

Judges praised the way this photograph celebrated both earnest determination and calm ingenuity in the face of challenges.

Endless inventiveness

Where there is a gap between the capabilities of the technology and the needs of the older user, older people can be very creative in finding ways to bridge that gap.

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Second place

After the band had gone

Anne Worle

For Anne, this image challenges all the preconceptions about old age. “Mum is approaching 80, and when this photo was taken she was recovering from the shock of losing Dad — they had been together more than sixty years. She was also coping with the shock of her granddaughter’s diagnosis with a rare genetic disorder, and had recently suffered a stroke.

“But none of this came across when she leapt onto the stage to play the drums after the band had finished. Are we really as young as we feel?”



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Third place

With a little help from my friends

Tineke Bout

This photograph was taken at Lake Windermere in 2010. "I saw the empty wheelchair at the side of the lake as the canoes set off. Disabled people can enjoy and engage in sports, with a helping hand from friends and well-designed technology."



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