

To whom it may concern.

I have recently been given the privilege to attend the course of 2006 at the Creative latent Productions (CLP) studios. I have not used the word privileged lightly, reason being that the institution and the person's therein are of an extremely high professional quality. During my term as a student there I was made to feel like being part of a larger family. Betsi-Ann Muller who is a wonderful, vitality filled women was obsessed with trying to get the best out of us in any way she could. Either to leave us alone to find our own creativity or to stand beside us guiding each photo taken as we went along. She understands what creativity and passion is all about. Not only the glamour of getting awards but also the hard work that needs to be done every day.

I was given a great honor to receive the best photograph of the year award. This was by no means easy and I felt that every one of my class mates that had come thus far were equally if not more so deserving than me. Shortly before the prize evening was held we had a panel of experts come in and Crit our work. We later discovered that they were looking at our work as though we ourselves were already professionals. This not only managed to scare all of us but more importantly, as everyone passed and received outstanding marks doing so, gave us an overwhelming sense of pride in what we had done. Here we were no background in photography or knowledge there of and in a year had produced work good enough for any magazine or advertising company. What a feeling.

This course had fundamentally changed me as a person. Timid and soft spoken I have been given the courage and will to pursue what I deem important to me. Just by taking photographs. Seeming ridiculous I urge you it isn't, from the get go you are confronted by the pictures you capture. With the help of Betsi-Ann and the other professional lectures you delve into your own mind to bring the real you out. I would recommend this place to anyone who wish's to come and study photography. But be warned they don't just take anyone; you must be serious about wanting to be a photographer. It's just a year but I promise it's a tight course full of work but really worth it. It's the chance of a life time to capture what within us and get to grips with an exciting ever growing industry.

Regards,  
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