Cobalt is launching a photography competition from which twelve images will be selected for a 2025 calendar, copies of which will be sold to raise funds for Cobalt’s Teenage & Young Adults with Cancer Specialist Nurse. The images for the calendar and other selected submissions will also feature in an exhibition after which the photographers of the calendar images will be presented with a framed copy of their picture.

**Entry Requirements**

The competition is open to everyone, including under 16 year olds (16 and under), with the exception of Cobalt employees involved in organising the competition and individuals involved in the judging and administration of the competition.

**The competition has no set themes** and there is no time restriction set on when photographs were taken.

There is no limit to the number of images you can enter or themes. There is also no age limit. A prize will be awarded for the best Under 16 image and the best over 16.

**The competition will run from 1st April 2024 until 31st July 2024. Entries must be received by midnight on 31 July 2024 to be eligible for judging. With best endeavours, we plan to notify winners by 16th August 2024.**

All entries must be submitted in digital format, as JPEGS, via the Cobalt website <https://www.cobalthealth.co.uk/capture-a-moment-for-cobalt/>

**Entry to the competition is £2 per image**. This donation will help fund the work of Cobalt’s Teenage & Young Adults with Cancer Specialist Nurse who supports some of the most vulnerable in our society; 16 - 25 year olds who have been given a life threatening diagnosis.

**IMPORTANT:** for printing purposes please email the image in the highest resolution your device will allow (ideally 3507 x 2481 pixels or bigger) up to a maximum of 5MB.

Entries must be genuine photographs and must not have pixels added from an external source, with the following three permitted exceptions (which are intended to overcome camera limitations):

• Focus-stacking: Out-of-plane stacking of single photographs to overcome depth of field limitations;

• Panorama-stitching:  In-plane stitching of photographs comprising a contiguous scene to overcome spatial limitations of capture, and;

• Exposure Blending / High Dynamic Range imaging: Merging a range of otherwise essentially identical photographs to overcome dynamic range limitations of the sensor.

If selected as a winner, Cobalt will endeavour to notify the entrant of selection using the details provided at the time of entry. If no response is received from the entrant within 14 days of notification, Cobalt reserves the right to offer the place to another entrant.

**IMPORTANT All entries will be reviewed, shortlisted, and selected anonymously. Each entry must have a title you wish it to be judged by and the title must not contain the name of the photographer.**

Complete your name, email address and phone number on the upload page. Under 16s will also be asked for their birth date.

Images will not appear in the competition gallery immediately and any entry considered to be indecent, illegal or likely to cause offence may be disqualified at the discretion of Cobalt management.

Images must be your own work, for which you thereby hold the copyright. Entrants whose images are selected for the calendar will be asked to certify the same to be the case. If there is a later copyright dispute as a result of the image being published, you will be asked to produce the original image file.

Images entered to the Cobalt Photography Competition must not infringe any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Avoid images of branded products and public figures. **Please ensure anyone who is recognisable in an entry knows they may be displayed in an exhibition and calendar, and gives their permission in writing using a Permission Release Form. A suitable Permission Release Form can be downloaded here** [**https://www.cobalthealth.co.uk/photo-permission-form**](https://www.cobalthealth.co.uk/photo-permission-form/)**/. Please fill it in and return to** [**fundraising@cobalthealth.co.uk**](mailto:fundraising@cobalthealth.co.uk) **as soon as you can. If an image portraying recognisable people is not accompanied by a permission release form the image cannot be chosen to win.**

Entrants agree to indemnify Cobalt against any and all legal proceedings initiated by a third party in respect of copyright or intellectual property infringement.

By entering this competition you retain copyright on your image(s), but grant Cobalt a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce any image submitted for all purposes related to the project in perpetuity. That simply means Cobalt can:

* use the image in the proposed 2025 calendar or future calendars
* print the image to prepare prize awards
* display it in their premises
* display it in any other form relevant to Cobalt photography competitions, such as on the Cobalt website, in print or in an exhibition
* use it for publicity purposes should Cobalt decide to run further competitions
* use the image to support Cobalt’s charitable work

In any future use of an image by Cobalt the copyright of its creator will be acknowledged.

**Image reproduction:** In order to ensure optimum reproduction of images selected for display and for any images to be printed and framed as prizes, entrants are deemed to have given permission for the competition organisers to make amendments to the image submitted when preparing it for printing. Such amendments would be minor in nature and would not substantially alter the integrity of the original image.

**Prizes**:

**The photographers of the 12 images selected for the calendar will each receive a framed print of their image, courtesy of WallSpace and DS Colour Labs and a complimentary calendar.**

* **1st prize Overall Winner** **will also receive:**
  + £300 Wex Video voucher
  + One year membership of The Royal Photographic Society
* **2nd prize Overall winner** **will also receive:**
  + A free session in a professional bird hide courtesy of Captivating Nature
  + 1 year print and digital subscription to Digital Camera magazine
* **3rd prize Overall winner will also receive:**
  + A free session in a professional bird hide courtesy of Captivating Nature
  + British Wildlife Photography Awards book courtesy of Hatchard’s

* **Under 16 overall winner** will also receive:
  + £50 cash prize
  + Family ticket to Slimbridge WWT, courtesy of the WWT
* **Highly Commended & Commended photographs** will be chosen from the adult group and the Under 16 group and the photographers will each receive a certificate.

The prizes are non exchangeable, non transferable and no cash alternative will be offered. The judges’ decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. With best endeavours, we plan to notify winners by 16th August 2024.

**Data Protection and Privacy**

The winners agree to the use of their supplied name and image in any publicity material in relation to the competition.

Personal information provided by entrants will be used for the purposes of administering the competition and their entry in accordance with our [*privacy policy.*](https://www.cobalthealth.co.uk/privacy-policy/)

Cobalt will share the winners’ supplied contact details with prize sponsors for the sole purpose of delivering the prizes.

Entrants will be given the option to receive further correspondence from Cobalt; if they choose not to Cobalt will only contact them regarding the competition and no contact will be made by the charity after the competition ends.

**Uploading an entry to this competition signifies an entrant’s acceptance of these terms and conditions in their entirety.**