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Karl Grupe is a professional photographer and lecturer. He has over twelve years of photographic experience, from working in Vancouver as an assistant to advertising, celebrity and architectural photographers to becoming the Western Canadian talent scout for an international photo agency – *Tony Stone Images*. He left this position to become a freelance stock photography strategy consultant for photographers and a photography workshop developer/ educator presenting workshops at photo expos and galleries. A change in business plan meant a move to London where he photographed for two international stock agencies that continue to provide his images to advertising and editorial markets worldwide. His library images have been used by Sony, Nike, Royal Mail, Selfridges, Axa Insurance, Nissan, and Hilton Hotels. He has continued developing his excitement for imagery through curating exhibitions – “lost | found at My Life in Art and “fugitivesfleurs” at the Institute of Physics, and moving into self published books. Most recently he edited and designed his first book entitled “Toycamera” which is a collection of his students’ work photographed with plastic lens film cameras. It is published on www.blurb.com.

His enthusiasm for motivating people to continue to discover new perspectives about their lives by “being curious with the camera” drives his desire for the creation of workshops in the corporate and public sector. He is Associate Lecturer at Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, serves as a freelance lecturer to both Saint Francis Xavier Sixth Form College and Enjoy Work at Chiswick Business Park, and provides one to one consultations/ custom sessions upon request. He feels privileged that his workshops have been a part of step towards their successes. Past students have started their own magazines, published work in the national press, presented solo fine art photography exhibitions, received commissions to provide artwork for the hotel and cruise line industry, developed work for stock libraries, photographed commercially and won competitions sponsored by online galleries in magazines.

Karl is currently working on a new book project.

News can be viewed at www.karlgrupe.com/blog.

Stock imagery can be seen on www.gettyimages.com.

Wedding imagery showcased on www.tigerlilyweddings.co.uk