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## Plymouth's 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Photomathon

### Get snap happy for Jeremiah's Journey!

Do you like taking photographs on your phone or are you a keen photographer?

Local charity Jeremiah's Journey are running Plymouth's 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Photomathon to raise funds for children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special.

A photomathon is a photography competition in which 'participants must take a series of photographs on predetermined subjects in a set period of time, typically 12 to 24 hours'. The competitions take place all over the world. The concept is believed to have started in Copenhagen, Denmark, where a competition has been taking place annually since 1989 with the most recent ones taking place in Copenhagen and Aalborg. In the UK Cardiff run a successful Photomathon, this year they had over 400 participants.

Plymouth has never hosted a Photomathon...until now. Jeremiah's Journey will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> one on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Plymouth College of Art.

Registration will take place from 9am. Jeremiah and Ana from Frozen (Upon A Wish) will be there to greet participants. The first three topics (that are kept secret until the day) will be handed out at 10.30am. Participants then have three hours to explore the City Centre and beyond to take a picture for each of the given topics. After lunch at 1.30 participants will return to the college for their last three topics. At the end of the day, the participants will be required to hand in their memory card so that all six of their photographs can be downloaded.

After the event, the entries will be judged by experts from across the city including: Chris Smith and Tobie Loades - Joint Course Leaders for BTEC Extended Diploma Photography at Plymouth College of Art, John Allen - photographer at Plymouth Herald, Russell Soper from Soperfect Images and Amber Pearl from Liberty Pearl Photography. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for each category (Under 14yrs, 14-16yrs, 17+) which have kindly been donated by Tesco, Calumet Photographic, Truprint and PCA Young Arts Club. A prize giving will take place at the Plymouth College of Art followed by an exhibition of all the entries.

Sarah Nuttall Worsley, Community Fundraiser for Jeremiah's Journey and event organiser said: "It's a fun event that the whole family can take part in. All you need is enthusiasm, a keen eye and a pinch of creativity'.

If you would like to enter or you would like more details visit [www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](http://www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk)  
If you are one of the first hundred entrants you will receive a Dayrider Voucher-kindly donated by Citybus and a goodie bag!

To find out more about this event or the charity in general please visit  
www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk or get in touch with Sarah on 01752 424348 or  
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**Dates for Your Diary**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September Superhero Skydive  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> November Plymouth 10K

Dunkeswell Airfield  
Plymouth City Centre

**ENDS**

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**Notes for Editors:**

- 1, Jeremiah's Journey was founded in 1996
- 2, Each year Jeremiah's Journey supports approx. 220 bereaved children and their families in Plymouth and the immediate surrounding area.
- 3, The children who use our service are anticipating or have experienced the death of someone special, the majority of our children have lost a parent.
- 4, We support families who have been bereaved through a variety of circumstances including long term illness and sudden and often traumatic events such as road traffic accidents and suicide. We offer support in a variety of ways and always listen to what the family need.
- 5, We offer short term therapeutic group programmes which we run in partnership with Plymouth College of Art. This means that we are able to offer a safe space for children to: express their feelings of grief; share memories of their special person; and explore ways of coping.
- 6, With the support of Comic Relief, we have been able to develop a new project called Stepping Stones, which provides support to young people who have a parent with a terminal illness.
- 7, Sadly our service is one that will always be needed. As a self-funded charity we can only support local families with the generosity of our community. We want to be there for every child who needs our service; we believe that no child or family should feel alone in their grief.

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