

Young Roma Photographers
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In 1999, the Hellenic Ministry of Culture instituted an educational programme which sought to offer young Roma professional training in the applied arts. The programme, which ran until 2004, included four photography workshops held in Hagia Barbara, Attica, for young Roma aged 18-30. The workshops were led by the photographer Stelios Efstathopoulos, and coordinated by the Visual Arts Department of the Ministry's Fine Arts Section (now the Photography Department of the Visual Arts Section) in cooperation with the Hagia Barbara Panhellenic Association for the Education of Roma.

The first three workshops were open to new students. The classes – 360 hours over 6 months – were dedicated to the core techniques of photography: how to develop black and white negatives and print photographs in the dark room. The fourth workshop (2003) sought to instruct a number of students from previous years in approaches to photographing specific types of subject-matter. The material assembled over the four workshops forms an important photographic archive, part of which has been shown in well-received exhibitions in Greece and abroad.

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