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## Module 6: Connecting with Community

Your CLP gives you the confidence to share your creative voice and to grow from feedback. Accepting constructive advice is vital for growth. You can't parachute into this stage without going through the others. Consider this, you know you have something worth listening to (Module 2), and a unique way of saying it (Module 1). You know your images express your feelings and vision (Module 3) and they express it eloquently (Modules 4 & 5). Module 6: Connecting with Community provides ways to share your creative voice with others, for pleasure, profit, or both. You can't grow as a photographer without connecting with others. Throughout the connection process, it is always better to give than to receive - a point I stress in the final module. Focusing on 'What's in it for me?' will lock you onto a pathway travelled by most. If you wish to stand alone, feel the wind beneath your wings, and to use your voice to its truest effect, focus on giving and let the universe take care of the rest.

### **An Overview to Module 6 Part A & B**

1. Defining your community

### **Part A: Growing Your Profile and Skills**

1. Living in the opportunity age
2. Growing your engagement skills: retreats and tours
3. Learning the language of sustained engagement
4. Building a CLP web hub
5. Creating a social network
6. Social media: words and images
7. Photo sites: showcasing your photographs
8. Branding the creative you
9. Building a service-based business
10. Building a product-based photo business
11. Funding a dream: a personal story

### **Part B: Some Engagement Challenges**

1. Joy: the arch enemy of anxiety
2. A web of fears: should I be scared of the internet?
3. The pain of judgement by others
4. © Photographic copyright: how anxious should I be?
5. Creative competition: debunking the myth
6. Risky business: finding a mentor
7. Focusing on the work: managing distraction

### **Part C: Gifting and Servicing Your Community**

1. Gifting: a heart-felt pathway
2. Becoming the embodiment of the receiver
3. Public speaking: lessons learned
4. New pathways: music and photography
5. Children: connecting through images and words
6. Interacting with children
7. Mentoring the young
8. Using your influence
9. Your creative life purpose can influence change
10. Dare to fly