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Why come to Stillorgan College?

Stillorgan College of Further Education has an established track record in delivering high quality further education courses. Since 1986, the college has been a specialist centre for Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) and Further Education courses. For nearly forty years, the college has been to the fore in developing innovative courses that meet local, national and international needs.

The staff have extensive industry experience in their respective fields and are dedicated to ensuring that, whether aiming to move to Higher Education or entering the employment market, students leave the college with every skill necessary for the future.

The courses offered in the college combine practical training with the development of strong academic skills in order to develop lifelong learning skills for all our students. Because all of our courses are accredited by QQI (formerly FETAC) they offer an alternative pathway to higher education. Indeed, Stillorgan College has an excellent record in facilitating students to progress to degree courses.

The college has state-of-the-art facilities and our computer, media and other equipment are constantly upgraded to keep up with today's ever-changing technology.

Sited close to Stillorgan Shopping Centre, the college is serviced by many bus routes and is also accessible via Dart and Luas networks. Car parking is available on the college grounds.

The college is fully wheelchair accessible. Mature students are welcome on all courses.



Kevin Harrington, Principal
Stillorgan College of Further Education

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Art (5M1985)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Art

Art (Portfolio Preparation)

This well-established and successful course is designed to enable our students to develop good drawing and design skills and knowledge of a wide range of other media and techniques.

We emphasise the importance of an individual approach to study through a broad range of projects allowing each student to build on personal interests and talents.

One of the main aims of the course is to prepare a comprehensive portfolio that will help students in progressing to higher education.

Stillorgan College enjoys an excellent record in enabling students to achieve entry into the top Art & Design colleges, both in Ireland and the UK.



What you will study

Drawing (Life & Analytical)
Design Skills
Ceramics
Appreciation of Art, Craft & Design
Painting
Combined Materials
Sculpture
Communications
Work Experience

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses including:

NCAD – All Courses
IADT – All Visual Courses
TU Dublin – All Visual Courses
Central St Martins, London – All Courses

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges

Entry Requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate an interest in Art and when called for interview should bring a selection of creative work. This could include drawing, painting, photography, 3D work or any other work that demonstrates your creative ability.



Darragh Dempsey - Fine Art Graduate

After studying Engineering for two years, I decided to drop out one-year shy of the course completion. I felt that creativity was the central motivational factor that made me want to do anything and this thought process led me to apply for a place at Stillorgan College.

Once I began the course at Stillorgan, it was clear that this was to be my vocation. It was a very important year as it was hands-on where skills and techniques were taught.

From there I studied fine art and painting in NCAD where I learned how to conceptualise my work and articulate my thoughts. After this I was accepted on the accelerated Masters course at NCAD where I transferred from paint to media.

I can gladly say that my creative journey began at Stillorgan where I met friends and learned many things from the teachers there. The teachers were friendly, motivational and extremely honest – the best characteristics to find in your peers.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Illust5

Design & Illustration (Portfolio Preparation)

Are you a creative and visual person? Do you want to be part of the dynamic visual world? Have you ever thought you could be an Illustrator, a Graphic Designer, a Fashion Designer, a Book Illustrator, a Digital Designer, a Web Designer, a Product Designer?

This stimulating course allows you to focus on your creativity while developing your drawing and digital skills. You will be encouraged and supported in visual research, image making skills, concept development and the aesthetic realisation of ideas in response to inspiring briefs. By completing this course, you can progress to any art or design degree course or be more equipped for employment in the visual industry.

What you will study

Illustration
Computer Illustrated Graphics
Image Processing
Figure Studies
Painting
Combined Materials
Design Skills
Drawing
Communications
Work Experience

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses including:

NCAD – All courses
DLIADT – All visual courses
TU Dublin – All visual courses
A wide range of Colleges in the UK and Europe

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please

go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate an interest in Art and when called for interview should bring a selection of creative work. This could include drawing, painting, photography, 3D work or any other work that demonstrates your creative ability.



Heather McKay Illustrator, Designer & Teacher

Having struggled to meet the demands of the Leaving Certificate I flourished in the creative environment that was the Art Foundation Course at Stillorgan College.

We were introduced to many new areas of study and I still remember how fired I was to begin with! Gradually, I got into a rhythm of work which has stayed with me ever since. Unlike the school system, each class lasted long enough to get stuck into the work! While I enjoyed the challenges of new materials and concepts, one of the greatest benefits to me was the drawing style that developed out of constant daily practice at Stillorgan.

We had great support and direction, and by the end of the year I had my pick of courses at third level as well as having gained a lot more confidence in myself and my creative ability.

I went on to study Visual Communications at IADT, and because of my leaning towards drawing and combined materials, I was able to couple my skills as a designer with illustration.

Art college is just the beginning and your journey as a creative will last a lifetime, but the foundations that were laid at Stillorgan College have served me very well.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Anim

Animation (Portfolio Preparation)

This introductory course prepares students with little or no experience for a third level course in animation production. This course, taught by industry professionals, blends the practical and the creative. With a dual focus on drawing and computer skills, the course will cover all the fundamental areas required for a successful portfolio submission.

Students will learn to visually develop and communicate their ideas through life drawing, storyboarding, character design, background design and planning. This course teaches students the principles of animation (movement, timing, weight etc.) using After Effects and Animate —the industry standard computer software.



Image by Megan Mullins

What you will study

- Life Drawing
- Drawing Skills
- Storyboarding & Script Writing
- Character & Concept Design
- Layout & Background Design
- Animation Fundamentals
- Digital Image Processing
- Digital Audio Processing
- Communication Skills

Progression

On completion, students will have a strong portfolio of work that will facilitate their progression to a range of advanced courses, including:

- BA (Honours) in Animation - IADT (DL832)
- BA (Honours) in 3D Animation - IADT (DL847)
- BSc (Honours) in Animation and Illustration - TUS - Athlone Campus (US802)
- BSc (Honours) in Digital Animation - TUS - Clonmel Campus (US805)
- BA in Animation and Game Design - ATU - Galway Campus (AU617)
- BSc in Multimedia (Honours Degree) - DCU (DC133)
- HND in Animation - Ballyfermot

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate an interest in Art and when called for interview should bring a selection of creative work. This could include drawing, painting, photography, 3D work or any other work that demonstrates your creative ability.



Thomas English - Student of Animation in IADT

My Name is Thomas English and I am currently studying Animation in IADT. Before this I went to Stillorgan College of Further Education to help develop my skills and my portfolio.

Stillorgan really helped me develop my skills as an artist and becoming an animator. I got a better idea on composition, expression, as well as learning how to make storyboards & scripts. All of this was achieved because of the staff at Stillorgan CFE.

The guide that they provided was super helpful in developing my skills and my portfolio. They helped keep us engaged with our work and keep our creative minds flowing.

Thanks to Stillorgan CFE, I am now studying Animation in IADT, a place where I have been able to both continue friendships and make new ones. I have learnt a lot as an artist/animator.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Creative Media (5M5048)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: 3DAnim

3D Animation (Portfolio Preparation)

The course will develop the artistic and technical skills that are involved in creating characters, stories and worlds using advanced digital technologies.

Students will learn the fundamentals of digital design, storytelling, animation principles as well as how to build, light and compose animation sequences and stories.

This course is suitable for those who wish to pursue a career in the Animation industry, but who may not have the drawing skills required to pursue a more traditional Animation course.



What you will study

3 Dimensional Computer Graphics
Computer 3D Modelling and Animation
Animation Layout Design
Computer Illustrated Graphics
Desktop Multimedia Audio Production
Digital Editing
Animation Drawing Studies
Scriptwriting
Digital Movie Processing

Progression

On completion, students will have a strong portfolio of work that will facilitate their progression to a range of advanced courses, including:

IADT DL847 3D Animation
NCAD AD222 Interaction Design
DCU DC133 Multimedia
MTU MT811 Animation, Visual Effects & Motion Design
ATU AU617 Animation and Game Design [Galway Campus]
TUS US802 Animation and Illustration [Athlone Campus]
TUS US805 Digital Animation [Clonmel Campus]

Entry Requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate an interest in Animation. It is targeted at students with a specific interest in this sector who are willing to get involved and participate during the college year.

Since places on the course are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Zai Froggatt - Student of Animation IADT

I'm currently studying a BA Honours Animation at IADT after graduating from Stillorgan in 2020. I came to Stillorgan to build a better portfolio and earn more points for IADT.

I had no idea how to structure a diverse portfolio. Stillorgan completely changed that, and I enjoyed the various themes and techniques we used in life drawing. They are useful in my everyday work at IADT.

The staff were all very memorable and helpful. They really encouraged me, made me feel accomplished with my art and it helped me to strive for improvement. I really enjoyed the sense of community in Stillorgan due to it being a small & friendly place.

Stillorgan was a very memorable experience for me. I'm still friends with my Stillorgan classmates who came to IADT with me and other students who had previously attended the college as well.

NFQ Level 6 QQI Award in Cartoon Animation (6M5545)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Anim6

3D Animation & Motion Graphics Level 6

The Animation industry in Ireland is vibrant and growing and has been identified as an area in which there are significant skills gaps. This course will develop strong skills in the area of computerised animation; 3D design and modelling; and developing animation sequences and stories. Students will be equipped with the 'digital toolbox' to enhance opportunities to enter the creative digital industry.

This course is also suitable for previous graduates of other visual courses (photography, graphic design, web design, multimedia etc.) who feel the need to improve their digital skills and familiarise themselves with industry standard software for returning to the workforce.

Graduates of the course will be ready for entry-level positions in the computerised animation industry.



What you will study

- Animation Drawing
- Script writing for Animation
- Drawing
- Animating Characters in 3D Skills
- Graphics and Animation
- Computer Illustration Graphics
- Editing Practice and Techniques
- Personal and Professional Development
- Team Leadership

Entry Requirements

It is desirable that students have a prior qualification (QQI Level 5 or equivalent) in the broad Art/Design area. Applicants without an existing qualification will be required to demonstrate that they have the required aptitude and skills for this course. When called for interview all applicants will be asked to present a portfolio of their work.

Progression

Successful students will have a strong portfolio that will direct them towards employment; or enable them to apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of colleges in Ireland and further afield.

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.



Chris Judge Freelance Illustrator & Author

When I left Stillorgan I went on to study Graphic Design in IADT and then realised I wanted to be an illustrator. For the last 10 years I have been a full-time freelance illustrator. In the past few years I have also become an author/illustrator of children's picture books which I am really enjoying. Achievements I am most proud of are probably getting my children's books published as well as being the final speaker at Offset in Dublin.

I learned so much in one year and would highly recommend it to any school leaver before starting a degree course. I am still best pals with the gang I met there which is amazing.

The staff are fantastic and I still owe so much to them. I couldn't have imagined the amazing portfolios we all ended up with which was all down to them.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Photography (5M2094)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: Photo5

Photography & Digital Imaging (Portfolio Preparation)

Established over 25 years, the Photography course has a well-earned reputation for producing high quality graduates. Designed to provide an exciting and comprehensive introduction to those with an interest in Photography, it will help to increase each student's knowledge and confidence as a photographer.

Throughout the course students will investigate various aspects of Digital Photography as well as more Traditional Methods.

One of the main aims of the course is to prepare a comprehensive portfolio that will help students in progressing to higher education



What you will study

- Photographic Techniques
- Digital Photography
- Studio Portraiture
- Documentary Photography
- Black & White Printing/Processing
- Narrative Photography
- Visual Communications
- Introduction to the History of Photography and Visual Culture
- Image Processing - Photoshop CC
- Work Experience
- Communication Skills

Entry Requirements

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a serious interest in Photography and, when called for interview, should bring a selection of their own work (15–20 images).

Progression

On completion, students will have a strong Portfolio of images that will direct them towards employment or entry into 3rd level courses. Students may also apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses.

Examples of possible progression routes:

BA in Photography and Visual Media – IADT

BA in Photography - TUD

BA Media Production and Digital Arts - TUD

Students also have the option to progress to the Level 6 Photography course offered in Stillorgan College of Further Education. For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.



Elisha Clarke Wedding Photographer

My time at SCFE was really great and extremely formative. It set me on a path that led me to a career in photography today. I made some lasting friendships on the Art course and we often reminisce about our experiences there.

After my year of portfolio preparation, I went on to study Photography in IADT where I graduated with distinction.

I have been a full time wedding photographer for the last seven years and will always be grateful to SCFE for all their help and encouragement. I truly believe that year after school in between IADT better prepared me for what came next.

NFQ Level 6 QQI Award in Photography (6M3732)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: Photo6

Photography & Digital Imaging Level 6

Developments in layout and design, internet technologies and mobile phone applications and advancements have created a huge demand for photographic professionals within the Visual Arts industry, with a high level of creativity, artistic, technical and communication skills.

The aim of this Level 6 Photography course is to provide the learner with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and competence to work independently in a professional photographic media environment or to progress to further or higher education and training.

A primary focus of the course will be to facilitate the student to identify and develop the potential of setting up their own photography business while exploring and investigating a range of photographic genres.

The emphasis will be on developing graduates to work within the commercial field of Photographic Industry.

Entry Requirements

Candidates should have completed a relevant Level 5 course and be able to demonstrate a serious interest in Photography. Candidates who have no formal qualification in the area, but who have other relevant experience will also be considered. When called for interview, candidates should bring a selection of their own work (15–20 images).

What you will study

Digital Photography
Portrait Photography
Digital Imaging
Fashion Photography
Advertising Photography
Photo Imaging
Entrepreneurship
Communications
Work Experience

Progression

The course will prepare graduates to commence work directly in the Photographic Industry or seek entry into 3rd level courses. Students may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of courses at universities and institutes of technology.

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

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Dorje de Burgh Freelance Photographer

After SCFE, I graduated with First Class Honours in Photography from DLIADT, and was shortlisted for 'Propellor', The Copper House Gallery 10,000 graduate art bursary & selected by editor John Duncan from the Source Photographic Review online graduate showcase

In the years following, I've exhibited internationally in Paris; Berlin (as part of the Europäischer Monat der Fotografie); and Arles, École Nationale Supérieure de la Photographie; as well as domestically in The Gallery of Photography, the National Photographic Archive, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery and the Hugh Lane Gallery

My work has also been published as part of New Irish Works and a Modern Panarion in addition to Art Monthly; Thread Magazine; The Sunday Times; The NME; The Irish Independent; Totally Dublin; The Irish Times; The Irish Arts Review; Blow Magazine

The two things from my time at SCFE that have never left me are a love for all things analogue and how to put photographs together.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Media Production (5M18518)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Media

Creative Digital Media (Portfolio Preparation)

Providing a broad introduction to the Media, this course will be particularly relevant to those who are interested in pursuing a career in a media-related area such as radio, digital video production, graphic design and photography.

It will also provide valuable foundation skills for further study in areas like communications, journalism, and audio visual studies.

One of the main aims of the course is to prepare a comprehensive portfolio that will help students in progressing to higher education.



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What you will study

Script Writing
Digital Film Making & Post Production
Radio & Audio Production
News Writing & Newspaper Design
Photography
Photoshop
Design Skills
Communications
Work Experience

Progression

One of the main aims of the course is to prepare a comprehensive portfolio that will help students to progress via the Higher Education Links Scheme to courses such as:

BA (Honours) in Film – IADT (DL843)
BA (Honours) in Television – IADT (DL844)
BA (Honours) in Design for Film – IADT (DL845)
BA (Honours) in Photography and Visual Media – IADT (DL833)
BA (Honours) in New Media Studies - IADT (DL837)
BA (Film & Broadcasting) – TUD (TU978)
BA (Honours) Media Production and Digital Arts - TUD (TU982)
BA (Honours) in Communications – DCU (DC131)
BA (Joint Honours) in Media Studies - DCU (DC291)
BA (Honours) Media Studies - Maynooth University (MH109)

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

This course is open to those who have completed the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. It is targeted at students with a specific interest in this sector who are willing to get involved and participate during the college year. Since places on the course are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Sinéad Doran Graduate Film & Television, IADT

I worked for 2 years in RTE and had the interviews I filmed shown on Primetime and Sky News. I also worked on the two series of 'An Idiot Abroad' for Ricky Gervais' production company 'Risk Productions', in London.

The skills I learned at SCFE were invaluable to me. The portfolio I created whilst studying in the college got me full marks in the portfolio assessment for IADT and allowed me to continue into their Film & Television Bachelors Degree course.

The atmosphere was always friendly and uplifting. I met a lot of really nice people at SCFE, some of whom I am still in touch with. We were always encouraged to work hard but had a lot of fun too.

My advice to students: Don't panic if you don't know exactly what you want to do in life. Just be open to trying things that are out of your comfort zone and say yes to every opportunity you get offered.

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NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Journalism (5M2464)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: Journ

Journalism & Digital Communications

The digital revolution has changed the way organisations, politicians, companies, clubs and community groups - communicate with the general public, with profound implications for both the media and wider industry.

This course aims to provide knowledge, qualifications and experience that will:

- Aid progression to higher education via the Higher Education Links Scheme
- Enable students to get a foothold directly into journalism and associated media professions, such as PR
- Generate advanced communications skills that are directly transferable to many other roles in wider industry

In addition to the core tasks of idea generation, research and writing techniques, learners receive instruction on industry-standard page-layout software for newspapers, magazines and digital publications, plus audio and visual software for radio and video productions.

Successful completion opens up a wide range of third level progression options in both media & non-media fields.

What you will study

- News Writing
- Feature Writing
- Online Journalism
- Subediting
- Newspaper Layout and Design
- Public Relations
- Radio and Sound Production
- TV and Video Production
- Media Analysis
- Communications
- Work Experience

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course can proceed via the Higher Education Links Scheme to the Journalism programmes at DCU (DC132) and TU Dublin (TU985). Successful completion can also open a path to a broader range of degree programmes such as:

- Communications – DCU (DC131)
- European Studies – NUI Maynooth (MH108)
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics – NUI Maynooth (MH120)
- Law and Society (BCL) - DCU (DC232)
- Law (Options) - UCD (DN6000)
- Humanities - UCD (DN530)
- Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) - UCD (DN500)
- English and Media Studies - IADT (DL849)

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Open to those who have completed the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. Entry is also open to students with good written English and a keen interest in journalism. Mature applicants are welcome. Evidence of writing ability will strongly aid your application.



Mary Fogarty Senior Reporter, Bray People

My work involves generating and writing all local content. This includes everything from covering hard news, court sittings and council meetings, to features, entertainment, business, election coverage and more.

Through my work, I've met countless interesting people both famous and relatively unknown, including Katie Taylor, Steven Spielberg, Daniel Day Lewis and Sally Field.

The education I received at SCFE was intensely practical. I started my job fully trained, armed with a solid portfolio of work and with all the knowledge I needed to become a reporter.

While learning is of course always a lifelong process and you get more knowledge on the job, the education at Stillorgan was the best possible preparation for a career in journalism.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Multimedia Production (5M2146)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: MultiP

Interactive Multimedia with UX Design

This well-established course provides a broad introduction to multimedia design and development. It is particularly relevant to those who are interested in pursuing a career in web, motion graphics or multi-media industries such as web design, multimedia production, digital video production, graphic design or new media technologies.

This course also examines User Experience (UX) Design. UX Design is a very fast-growing industry. It is the process of researching, developing and improving all aspects of a digital device for the user.

The course also provides valuable foundation skills for further study in areas like computer sciences, multimedia, digital media and audio visual studies.

What you will study

Website Design
Multimedia Design
Digital Film Making & Post Production
Graphic Design
Radio and Audio Production
Photoshop
Computer Illustration
Communications
Work Experience
UX Design

Entry Requirements

Open to those who have completed the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. It is targeted at students with a specific interest in this sector who are willing to get involved and participate during the college year. Since places on the course are limited, applicants will be interviewed.

Progression

One of the main aims of this course is to prepare a comprehensive portfolio that will help students to progress via the Higher Education Links Scheme to courses such as:

BSc in Multimedia (Bachelor Honours Degree) – DCU (DC133)

BA in Creative Digital Media - TUD (TU981)

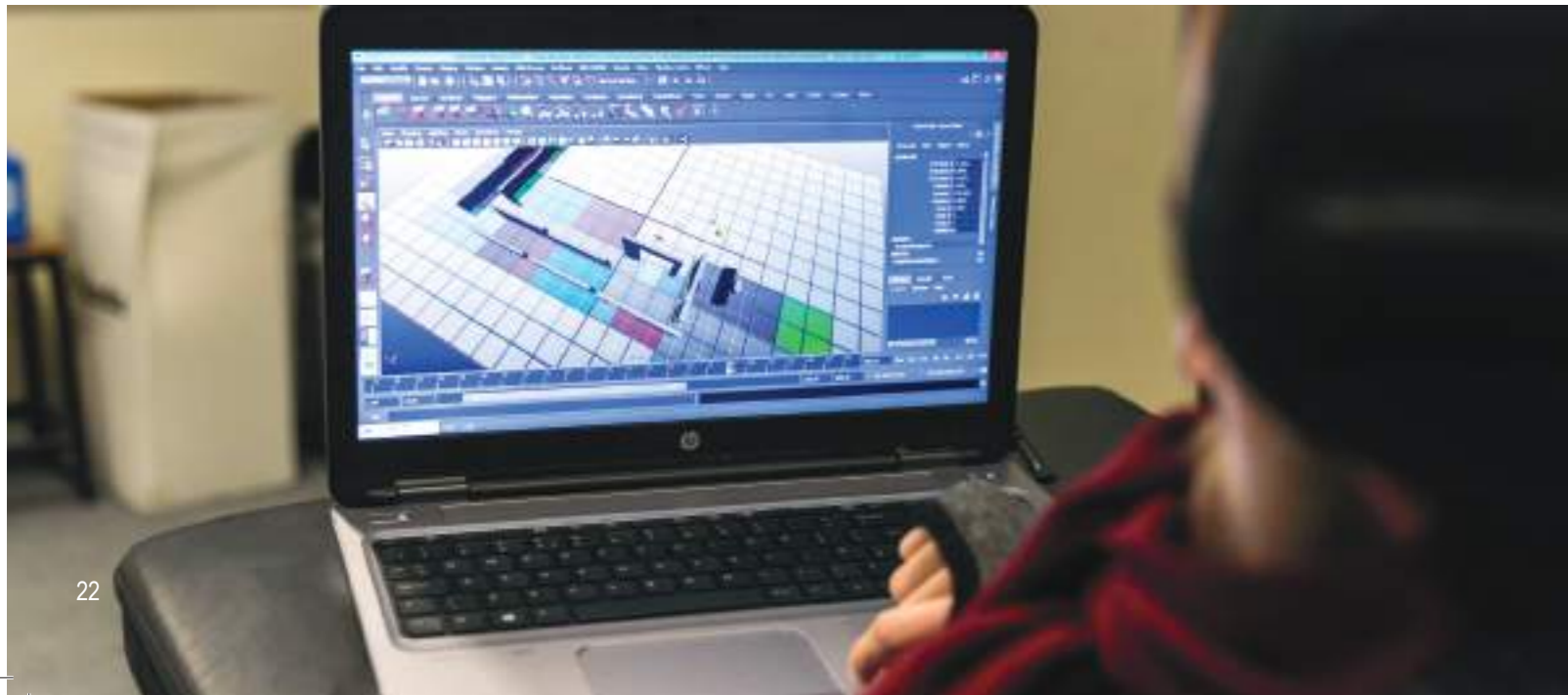
BA in Media Production and Digital Arts - TUD (TU982)

BA in Games Design - TUD (TU984)

BSc in Computing in Interactive Digital Art and Design - SETU (SE608)

BSc in Creative Media and User Experience Design - TUS (US804)

Students also have the option to progress to the Level 6 Multimedia course offered in Stillorgan College of Further Education. For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.



Alex Anczewski Freelance & In-House Designer

There are many skills I have picked up that are useful and make me extremely happy to have them up my sleeve. To name one that I think is most important is to be able to clearly set my limitations.

There is so much that one person can do, and to be able to tell your customer exactly what you can achieve working on your own, and when you need a team to work with you, does not only makes your life easier but your work better and your clients happier.

SCFE has a vibrant and lively atmosphere. You definitely do not feel constrained while you are there, but you can sense a good deal of creativity.

I found the staff at SCFE to be very approachable, open and helpful. Their prominent qualities of being tolerant and flexible, yet knowledgeable and often exigent, give students a solid motivation and encouragement to learn.

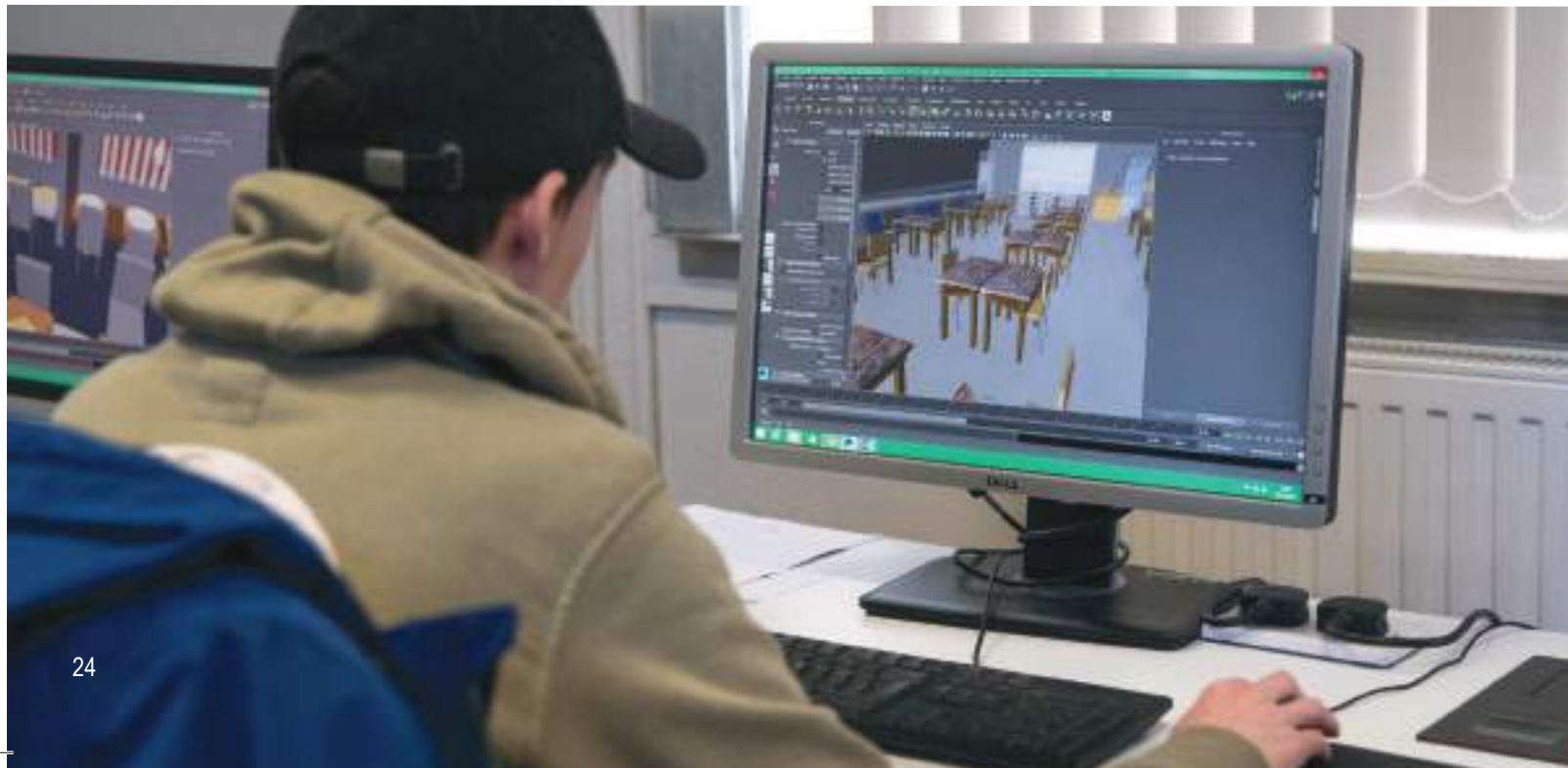
NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Multimedia Production (5M2146)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: MultiG

Multimedia Production with Games Design

The interactive media and games sector has been identified as a priority area for training as there is currently a skills shortage in this growth industry. This exciting course has been designed to provide the learner with the practical skills needed to commence a career in this dynamic industry.

The course has been developed in conjunction with the Fastrack to Information Technology (FIT) initiative. FIT is an industry-led initiative that responds to the technology needs of industry through providing training, support and career opportunities.



What you will study

Multimedia Authoring
Multimedia Project Development
Games Analysis Design
Web Authoring
Computer 3D Modelling & Animation
Design Skills
Digital Movie Processing
Image Processing
Communications
Work Experience

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may wish to advance to Level 7 and 8 courses at Universities and Institutes of Technology, such as:

BSc in Multimedia – DCU (DC133)
BA in Creative Digital Media - TUD (TU981)
BA in Media Production and Digital Arts - TUD (TU982)
BA in Games Design - TUD (TU984)
BSc in Computing in Interactive Digital Art and Design - SETU (SE608)
BSc in Creative Media and User Experience Design - TUS (US804)

Students also have the option to progress to the Level 6 Multimedia course offered in Stillorgan College of Further Education. For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie & contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Open to those who have completed the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent. It is targeted at students with a specific interest in this sector who are willing to get involved and participate during the college year. Since places on the course are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Ian Kennedy Chief Technical Officer, Neuro Hero

I have been extremely fortunate to have found employment within an award winning company after completing my course. It is also satisfying to know that our work is having a huge social impact.

I develop rehabilitation apps for people living with speech and language difficulties after a stroke. Most recently our team won a stand at the Dublin Web Summit from the Good Ideas Initiative in association with the American Embassy.

Stillorgan College has been invaluable. I have used every aspect of what the course has taught me on a daily basis.

From the first interview, through to the development and marketing of mobile and desktop apps.

There was an extremely friendly atmosphere at the college. I made some good friends during my time there. Every member of staff went out of their way to assist students in any way they could.

NFQ Level 6 QQI Award in Digital Media Production (6M20496)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Multi6

Creative Digital Media Production Level 6

This exciting course in Advance Digital Media Production skills builds on the Media and Multimedia Level 5 Certificates offered in Stillorgan College. Graduates from similar Level 5 awards in other colleges are also welcome to apply. The course will focus on developing skills in areas such as Multimedia Production, Web Authoring, Digital Imaging, 3 Dimensional Computer Graphics, Digital Video Processing, Multimedia Sound and Project Management. Our extensive suite of equipment hardware, highly skilled staff and powerful post-production applications will enable students to pursue a career in the Multimedia and Digital Media industries.



What you will study

Multimedia Technology
Multimedia Project Management
Web Design & Authoring
Photoshop
Multimedia Sound
Digital Video Processing & Production
Graphics and Animation
Digital Imaging
Design Skills
3D Design
Communications
Personal and Professional Development

Progression

One of the main aims of this course is to prepare an extensive portfolio that will help students gain entry level employment in the industry or to progress via the Higher Education Links Scheme to courses such as:

BSc in Multimedia (Bachelor Honours Degree) – DCU (DC133)
BA in Creative Digital Media - TUD (TU981)
BA in Media Production and Digital Arts - TUD (TU982)
BA in Games Design - TUD (TU984)
BSc in Interactive Digital Art and Design - SETU (SE608)
BSc in Creative Media and User Experience Design - TUS (US804)

Graduates of this course may also apply for direct entry to Year 2 of degree courses.

Entry Requirements

It is desirable that applicants have a prior Level 5 qualification in the multimedia or creative media areas or have relevant work experience. Applicants without an existing qualification will be required to demonstrate that they have the required aptitude and skills for this course.

Since places are limited applicants will be interviewed.



Michael Karski Freelance Graphics & Multimedia

I was lucky to get work placement at Imaginosity, Dublin's Children's Museum, through the college which helped kick off my career surprisingly quickly.

The education provided by SCFE turned out to be pivotal: hands-on training and internships that give you a solid foundation; people you meet help you develop personally and gain confidence; QQI Certification literally opens doors.

The atmosphere was very friendly and we had plenty of laughs. Students, who might struggle with the programme, received help and encouragement. The staff are passionate about their respective fields, and this gives you confidence.

My words of advice - try to excel in what you do every day and you will be surprised how people around help you remove the obstacles on the path to success.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Tourism with Business (5M5011) & IAOT* approved CRS Qualification

* International Academy of Aviation

Course Duration: One Year Full-time
College Code: Travel

Travel & Tourism including Airline Studies

Travel and Tourism is an exciting, dynamic industry that offers a broad range of job opportunities in airlines, tour operators, travel agencies, hotels and the tourism sector.

This course, which has been running for over 25 years, offers internationally recognised industry relevant qualifications taught by an academic staff with relevant and diverse industry experience. Included on this course is practical cabin crew training in a simulated aircraft in conjunction with the Academy of Aviation at Dublin Airport.

Many employers in the travel industry contact the college directly when recruiting staff. Work experience is an integral component of this course. Previous students have obtained work placements across the Travel & Tourism sector.

This course is equally suitable for school leavers and those looking for a career change in this exciting sector.

Travel & Tourism students attending a Cabin Crew training programme at the Academy of Aviation at Dublin Airport. For more information visit www.aoa.ie



What you will study

Airport Passenger Services
International Air Fares & Ticketing
Computerised Reservations System- Amadeus
Information Technology
Tourism Principles and Practice
Marketing
Communications Methods
Customer Relations
Heritage & Culture
Tourism Information and Administration
Opportunity for Work Experience

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third level courses, such as:

Tourism Management - DIT (DT406)
Tourism and Digital Marketing - TUD (TU953)
International Hospitality and Tourism Management - TUD (TU951)
Business Studies - DCU (DC009)
Joint Honours - UCD (DN520)
Business Management - IADT (DL823)
Arts Management - IADT (DL822)

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the relevant universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

The course is targeted at students who have an interest in the tourism industry. Since places are limited, applicants will be interviewed. Mature students are welcome on this programme.



Marina Guignon Manager, Silver Creek Lodge, Alberta, Canada

I run a Luxurious hotel in Canada! I'm the Rooms Division Manager at Silver Creek Lodge in Canmore, Alberta. After I graduated, I worked as a Reservation Agent/Customer service representative for Lufthansa, and H10 Premium Vacation Ltd. I moved to Canada where I found a job as a Guest Service Manager. Today I am basically in charge of all departments at Silver Creek Lodge.

I'm so lucky to have attended SCFE. When I think about it every single module helped me with my career.

I often train my staff using tips from my instructors. I learned how to create packages, I learned why people want packages and how we can market and promote good products.

Customer service was a big part of the course too and I remember our instructor Alison used to always say "If you have good customer service skills you, can pretty much work anywhere. It is one of the most important skill to have in tourism" and now I always say that to my staff - it is so true!

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Business Studies (5M2102)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: Event

Event Management with PR & Digital Marketing

Event Management is a growing and exciting industry worldwide. This innovative course is designed to develop the skills to participate in and to coordinate an event from inception to completion. The course has a very practical focus where students gain hands-on experience in event management.

Stillorgan College is unique in offering this multi-disciplined course. Students are taught by staff with industry backgrounds in Events including conferencing, corporate travel, tourism, marketing, media and design.

An emphasis is placed on hands-on event production in this course.

*Event Management students at 9th DLR Eco Conference - one of the events organised by the students
For more information visit <https://dlrecoconference.weebly.com/>*



What you will study

Event Management Principles & Practices
Hands-On approach to Event Production
Marketing & PR Techniques
Overview of Web Design
Desktop Publishing Methods
Digital Marketing
Business Administration Skills
Safety & Health Best Practice
Communication Methods
Customer Relations

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses, including:

Event Management - TUD (TU954)
Tourism and Digital Marketing – TUD (TU953)
Business - TUD (TU932)
Arts Management – IADT (DL822)
Business - Applied Entrepreneurship - IADT (DL701)
Marketing, Innovation and Technology - DCU (DC240)

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the individual universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

The course is targeted at students who have an interest in this industry sector, are capable of demonstrating their ability to work as part of a team and are willing to become involved in planning and participating in events during the college year.

Mature students are welcome on this programme. Students will be interviewed as part of the application process.



Hayley Farrell

Exhibition Project Assistant

I did a 9 month internship, which led to a full time job with an event management company called MCI, where I continued to develop and apply the skills I learned at Stillorgan College. I have had the opportunity to work on corporate events in Amsterdam, Barcelona, Leipzig and Montpellier. What I like most about my job is the variety, no two days are the same.

When I look back I can see that the past few years of my life have all been influenced by the decision to attend Stillorgan College of Further Education.

The most valuable part of the course was the planning and executing of our actual event "Toons & Tunes". This provided me with hands on experience and was the real factor confirming that this was the career for me. My advice for current students is to take advantage of every opportunity provided during the course and enjoy every minute.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Business Administration (5M2468)

Course Duration: One Year - Mornings Only
College Code: Comp5

Computer Skills for Business

This course provides intensive training in all aspects of modern office skills in a supportive and welcoming environment. It is ideally suited to those who are returning to work after an absence of a number of years. To maximise their future employability, students will be trained to confidently and competently use computer applications such as Microsoft Office Suite and Sage 50. As students of the college, learners will be provided with licences for all software for the duration of their studies.

At course completion, students will have achieved a NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in Business Administration. This is an internationally-recognised standard of competence, certifying that the holder has the knowledge and skills needed to use the most up-to-date applications efficiently and confidently in order to successfully compete in the employment market.

What you will study

Word Processing
Bookkeeping - Manual and Computerised
Spreadsheet Methods
Desktop Publishing
Business Administration Skills
Digital Presentations
Communications
Work Experience
Employment Skills Workshops

Progression

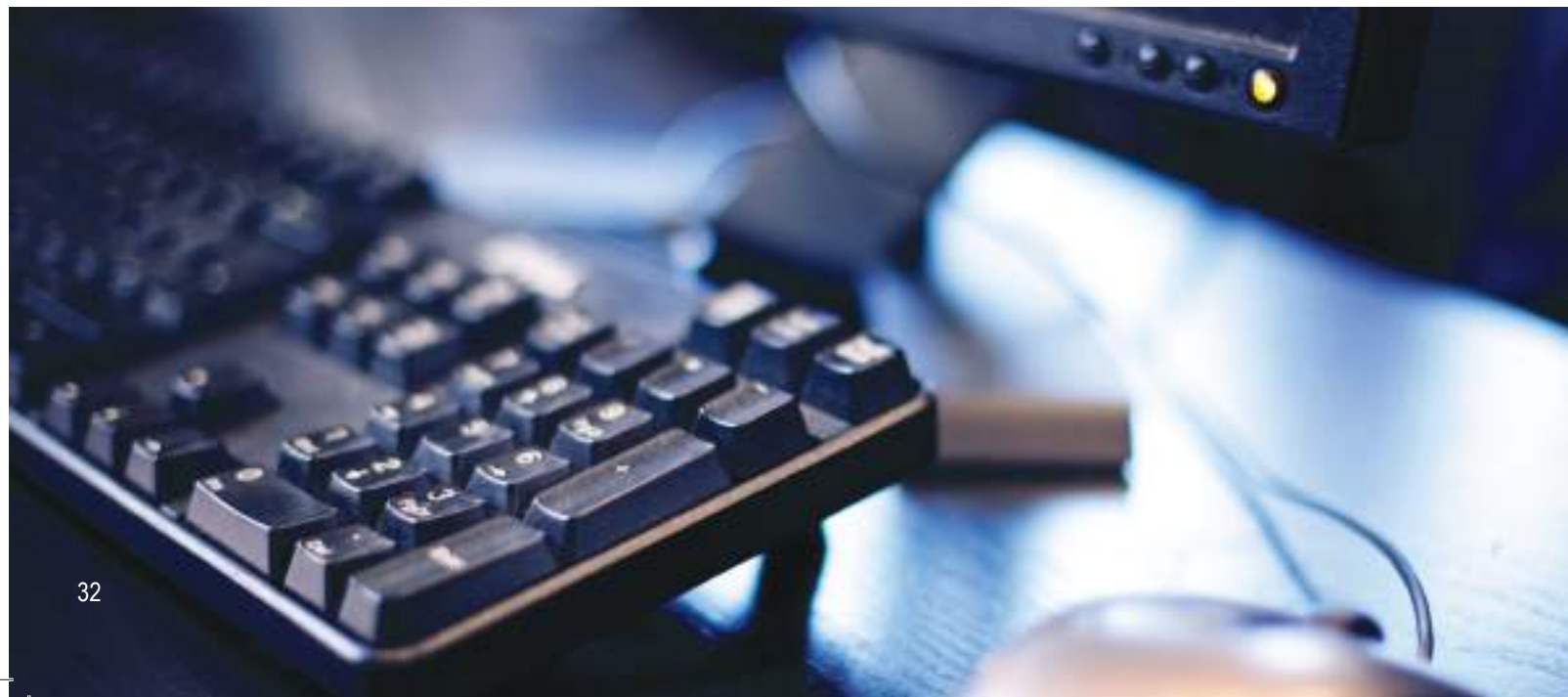
Students who successfully complete this course may apply to the Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Business and Computer Skills in Stillorgan College of Further Education.

Alternatively, students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses.

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the individual universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Open to anyone who wishes to gain confidence in using computers for personal and professional use. Since places are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Elaine Roycroft Programme Manager, St Nicholas Montessori College

I launched into my 50's not quite sure what I wanted to do with my career. I had spent almost 10 years at home, and lacked some confidence in my ability to go back to work. This course in Stillorgan was the best thing for me! It gave me the space to focus on myself, get that dreaded CV compiled, and with the help of the college to gather my thoughts! On top of all that, I learnt so much!

I had been using MS Office, since its inception last century, but I was still stunned that I learnt three fundamental features of Word during the first week of the course!

Whether you have a Masters degree under your belt, or have never worked in a business, you will benefit from this course. It is a great feeling to know that you can complete assignments, get through an exam, and successfully present yourself in a mock interview.

I am now working, and attending this course made that possible. The college has a lovely environment, and I felt enveloped into a family that would push me into the next phase of my life. Don't overthink what you want to study, or where you want to be. This course is the best foundation to help launch you onto any next step!

NFQ Level 6 QQI Award in Business (6M4985)

Course Duration: One Year Full-time

College Code: Comp6

Business & Computer Skills Level 6

This course is suitable for those who wish to upskill and use advanced business and computer skills for today's work environment. It is also ideal for those who want a fresh start e.g. to start their own business or to retrain for a new career. This qualification can also be used to progress to higher level studies.

With the aim of maximising their future employability, students will be trained to the highest level in Microsoft Office, Sage 50, Entrepreneurship, Digital Marketing and Business Management. The latest software is used on this course and as students of the college, learners will be provided with licences for all software for the duration of their studies.

What you will study

Word Processing
Business Management
Bookkeeping - Manual & Computerised
Spreadsheet Methods
Entrepreneurship
Customer Service
Digital Marketing
Personal and Professional Development
Employment Skills Workshops

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course are ready to enter the workplace at an advanced level. Alternatively, they may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to do a range of third-level courses including Level 7 and Level 8 degree courses in Higher Education colleges.

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the individual universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

Given that students will be expected to have prior knowledge of computer applications, it is desirable that applicants have a relevant qualification, such as FETAC/QQI Level 5, Microsoft Office Specialist, City & Guilds or have prior work experience in a business environment.

Applicants without an existing qualification will be required to demonstrate that they have the required aptitude for this course. Since places are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Tricia Crowe Level 6 Course Graduate

I graduated from the Level 6 Business & IT course in 2021. I had been at home rearing my daughters for 15 years and needed a stepping stone back into the job market. I met a fabulous group of women and men and as soon as one of them suggested a WhatsApp group, I instantly knew that we would get along. Most of my fellow classmates were very similar to me and had been out of the workplace for a long period or needed to brush up on their computer skills. We studied a broad range of subjects with different teachers, all experts in their areas. The staff in Stillorgan College were so helpful and obliging and went the extra mile to help us reach our goals.

For me, having a focus other than home life and children was fantastic and it gave me the confidence to consider going back into the workforce. It gave me the confidence with the skills I already had and new skills and how to direct those into an interview and job situation. I also enjoyed very much the interaction with my fellow classmates and their interesting life experiences.

I was particularly interested in Excel and Databases so in September 2020 I decided to go on and do Level 6 in these subjects and Level 5 bookkeeping. I particularly enjoyed Excel as there is a programming aspect to it, so I was able to use my former skills here.

NFQ Level 5 QQI Award in E-Business (5M0828)

Course Duration: One Year - Mornings Only

College Code: Ebus

Digital Entrepreneurship & E-Business

The world of business is rapidly becoming one where the online marketplace is key. The volume of sales conducted online is predicted to expand exponentially in the coming years.

This exciting new course is designed to equip the learner with the practical skills to start their own online business or to support an existing business to develop an online e-commerce presence.

It will also teach critical thinking and explore opportunities for learners to start their own online business.

What you will study

Entrepreneurial Skills
Start Your Own Business
Digital Marketing
Marketing Practice
eBusiness Studies
Web Authoring
Customer Service

Progression

Students who successfully complete this course may apply to the Level 6 Advanced Certificate in Business and Computer Studies in Stillorgan College of Further Education.

Alternatively, students who successfully complete this course may apply through the Higher Education Links Scheme to a range of third-level courses.

For full information on progression through the Higher Education Links Scheme please go to www.qqi.ie and contact the individual universities and colleges.

Entry Requirements

This course is targeted at students with an interest in this sector and are hoping to either start their own online business or wish to develop the skills to support existing online businesses. Since places on the course are limited, applicants will be interviewed.



Paul Hughes Photographer & Online Entrepreneur

I am a national award winning & published photographer (National & international media outlets that include National Geographic, Author of 'Doorstep Wilderness' and 'A Wilder Side of Dublin'). I operate an online business primarily through YouTube. My work involves the creation & digitisation of images for marketing, promotion & sales.

I studied at Stillorgan College to improve my business skills, and was especially attracted to the entrepreneurship modules. I acquired skills in web and media development, IT, data analysis, research, marketing and conducting surveys; all of which have helped me in my working life.

I now have a deeper understanding of how entrepreneurship works and am able to critically analyse changes in the market place, identify trends and make informed decisions on the evolution of my business. I am equipped to think creatively, be business aware and have confidence to take the steps forward in my business.

My time spent in Stillorgan College was a great investment, both commercially and personally.

NFQ Level 6 QQI Special Purpose Award in Regional Tour Guiding (6S20233) plus option to achieve additional modules in Business and IT

Course Duration: One Year (2 days per week for those students who wish to achieve the Regional Tour Guiding Award. For those students who wish to also achieve additional modules in Business and IT, the course is 5 days.)
College Code: TOUR

Regional Tour Guiding

The purpose of this award (which was developed in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland) is to enable learners to acquire the relevant knowledge, skills and competencies to work effectively as a Tour Guide in the greater Dublin Region and surrounding area. It also provides learners with the necessary business skills needed to start their own tour guiding business.

On successful completion of the course you will be able to:

- Plan and implement themed tour itineraries in Dublin and the surrounding areas.
- Demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of Irish culture and heritage in Dublin and surrounding areas.
- Develop a range of communication, information and customer care skills.
- Become confident in using digital media skills to promote tourism products and services to target potential customers.
- Manage and conduct tours as a self-employed guide or work for an incoming tour operator.
- Implement best safety and environmental practices.
- Implement tour management skills and techniques.



What you will study

To achieve the Special Purpose Award in Regional Tour Guiding you will need to pass:

Irish Tour Guiding
Irish Natural Heritage and Culture

Additional modules are also available in the following areas (subject to demand and timetabling constraints):

Entrepreneurship
Digital Marketing
Business Management
Customer Service
Personal & Professional Development
Relational Database
Spreadsheets
Word Processing

Progression

Graduates from this course have found employment as Tour Guides on either a full-time or part-time basis in both public and private sector organisations and companies.

Entry Requirements

The course is targeted at students who have a genuine interest in working as a Tour Guide. Prior qualifications or experience in this area would be an advantage, but are not required. Since places are limited, applicants will be interviewed. Tour guiding is particularly suited to people who are good communicators, are outgoing and who enjoy interacting with others. Planning and organisational skills are important skills and fluency in a second language is an advantage (but not a requirement).



Deirdre Quinn Tour Guide

I have worked in the Events Industry for my whole career and recently I decided to complete the Tour Guiding course as I felt that it would give me an additional string to my bow as I now look for freelance work.

Finding the course in Stillorgan was extremely convenient, as I happen to live nearby, but there is an excellent bus service to the college. The fact that the course has a flexible timetable has been fantastic – it allowed me the opportunity to get some experience in the guiding field and work to pay my bills at the same time.

I found the teachers on the course to be excellent – they supported us in every way and went above and beyond in helping us. Stillorgan College of Further Education is a gem in itself – it is a small college with excellent facilities and is friendly and supportive.

I would highly recommend the Tour Guiding course to anyone considering joining the industry.

General Information

Application Procedures

Applications are accepted from students for the course of their choice on-line at www.stillorgancollege.ie. All applicants are called for interview. The college continues to accept applications throughout the summer.

Progression

QQI Level 5 & Level 6 graduates are eligible to apply to progress to Higher Education Courses through the Higher Education Links Scheme. For details see www.qqi.ie and www.cao.ie.

Special Needs Applicants

Students with special needs, including all aspects of disabilities, are welcome at Stillorgan College and should contact the college as soon as possible to discuss their particular needs.

Student Support

Student Advisors are available to support students and offer advice. The College also offers a Career Guidance and Counselling service. The Guidance service offers advice to students enabling them to make informed choices in relation to further study options and career choice. The Counselling service provides a confidential environment in which students can explore personal issues which may be causing them concern. Support is available to students who may be experiencing difficulty settling into College life.

Student Council

Students elect representatives to the Student Council. As well as organising events throughout the year, two student representatives also sit on the College Board of Management.

Financial Information

You may be entitled to avail of the following schemes that will help you on your chosen course.

Back to Education Allowance (BTEA):

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) is an educational opportunities scheme for persons in receipt of certain social welfare payments and who wish to pursue an approved full-time course of education in an approved college leading to a recognised qualification.

In order to qualify for the BTEA scheme it is necessary for a person to be:

- **Attending a recognised course of study at second or third level study option**
- **Attending a full-time day course of study in a recognised college with which the Department of Education have a funding relationship and leading to a recognised qualification**
- **A specific age**
- **In receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for specified period of time**
- **Must be in general commencing the first year of a course of study**
- **The course must be leading to a progression of qualifications held by the person who wishes to participate in BTEA**

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS):

VTOS offers unemployed people an opportunity of returning to structured learning in an adult setting.

If you are currently getting a Job Seekers' Allowance or a Job Seekers' Benefit, you will instead get a training allowance at a rate equivalent to the maximum rate of your payment.

You may receive a small lunch allowance and, depending on the distance between your home and the VTOS centre, you may be entitled to a travel allowance. You may be also given books and course materials free of charge.

Full information on these schemes is available from www.welfare.ie

Fees

There are no tuition fees for Irish and EU nationals. However, there may be small registration charge and a charge for additional course materials and course books. Students are notified of the charges for each course on application.

Maintenance Grants

Students attending the College may be entitled to maintenance grants. Conditions for eligibility are the same as those for university or Institute of Technology students. Contact the college for more information, or full information and application details may be obtained from www.susi.ie.

Full information about the supports available for students on further education courses is available at www.studentfinance.ie.

How to Find us

Dublin Bus routes: 7B 11 46A 46E 47 75 84X 114 116 118 145 155 (77X 39A to UCD)
also DART & LUAS

