

SCFE Open Days: The Student Experience

OPEN days provide a fantastic opportunity to explore a college campus, meet teachers and students and get a feel for the college atmosphere. Choosing the right college is a significant decision that can shape your academic and professional future.

Sallynoggin College of Further Education (SCFE) offers a diverse range of courses, attracting students with unique interests and career aspirations. Some of our current SCFE students share their experiences of discovering the perfect

course for them at the SCFE Open Day in January 2023.

The Student Stories:

Elsie O'Toole completed her Leaving Cert in Newpark Comprehensive in 2023. Elsie's decision to attend the SCFE Open Day stemmed from her desire to pursue an Art Portfolio course. The impressive display of current students' work confirmed her choice. Elsie left with confidence, knowing that SCFE was the right next step for her artistic journey.

Kayciel Cabahug was in her Leaving Cert year in Rockford Manor in January 2023 when her Guidance Counsellor offered to bring the class to the SCFE Open Day. Kayciel attended with an open mind, unsure of the course she wanted. However, witnessing the Performing Arts students' performance was a turning point. Kayciel's decision to apply online that day reflects the impactful and transformative nature of her open day experience.

Luke McLoughlin and **Kilian Yelverton McEvoy** were students in their Leaving Cert year. As young entrepreneurs selling second-hand clothing online, they were at a crossroads – whether to pursue a career in fashion or to explore other avenues.

The SCFE Open Day became their make-or-break moment in deciding whether to pursue a fashion route. A tour of the college and insightful conversations with teacher Deirdre Fitzgerald about Fashion Buying, Styling, and Visual Merchandising initially piqued their interest, but it was the Fashion Design Studio where they found a connection with teacher Riona Skuce and a vibrant design room that aligned with their entrepreneurial dreams.



Student Ambassadors welcome visitors to the Open Day

SCFE Open Day: A Catalyst for Career Paths

The experiences of Elsie, Kayciel, Luke, and Kilian underscore the significance of an SCFE Open Day as a pivotal opportunity to explore, connect, and lay the foundation for one's academic and professional journey. The open day is not just about showcasing courses but about creating an environment where students can envision themselves thriving.

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Approaching an Open Day: A Comprehensive Guide

1. Research Beforehand: Before attending the open day, conduct thorough research on the courses offered by SCFE. Knowing what you're interested in allows you to tailor your visit to specific areas that matter most to you.

2. Prepare Questions: Elsie appreciated being welcomed by student ambassadors who answered her queries and the opportunity to meet

art teacher, Edward Stapleton. Prepare questions that will help you gauge whether the college aligns with your goals.

3. Explore Student Work: Like Elsie, take the time to explore displays of current students' work. It's crucial to experience the tangible results of the courses you're considering.

4. Engage with Faculty and Students: Meeting teachers is a key aspect of the open day experience. Luke and Kilian connected with Riona Skuce in the Fashion Design Studio. Her understanding of their entrepreneurial aspirations made them feel seen and heard, providing a pivotal moment in their decision-making process.

5. Attend Demonstrations and Performances: Participate in demonstrations relevant to your interests. Kayciel's uncertainty about her course choice vanished when she witnessed the high standard of acting during the Performing Arts performance. Attend workshops, demonstrations, or performances to get a taste of the practical aspects of your chosen field.

6. Immerse Yourself in the College Atmosphere: Kayciel's observation that SCFE felt "big but not overwhelming" highlights the importance of considering the campus atmosphere. Walk around, explore facilities, and assess if the college environment resonates with you.

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Setting the Stage for Success

As Elsie, Kayciel, Luke, and Kilian forge their paths at SCFE, their stories exemplify the diverse opportunities and transformative experiences the Open Day offers. SCFE's commitment to providing a nurturing environment ensures that attending an open day is not just a glimpse into college life but a decisive step towards a fulfilling and successful future.

If you are interested in finding out more about the courses on offer in SCFE, visit our website www.scfe.ie or come along to our next Open Day on 17th January 2024 from 10am to 2pm.

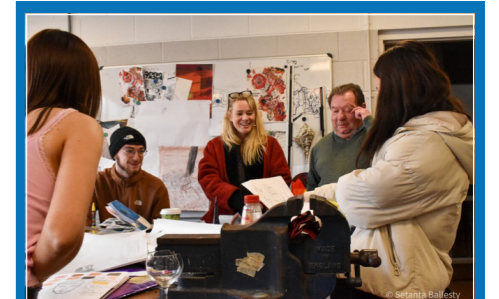
For more information email reception@scfe.ie or call 01-285 2997.



Luke and Kilian were impressed by the students' work and the teachers' industry knowledge



Performing Arts Students delighting the visitors at SCFE Open Day



Checking out Students' artwork at the Open Day



Visitors to SCFE can meet teachers and see students' designs take shape in the Fashion Studio

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OPEN DAY
WED 17th JAN 2024
10am - 2pm All Welcome

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