

COURSES

BEGIN DIPPING YOUR TOES INTO A FASHION CAREER WITH THESE EXCITING COURSES

FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

D-Light Studios in Dublin is headed up by one of Ireland's most respected fashion photographers, Agata Stoinska. The studio runs regular fashion photography workshops for aspiring snappers, giving attendees the opportunity to attain incomparable on-set experience. Professional stylists and make-up artists are on hand to get models camera-ready and Stoinska will explain how to achieve the best shots through lighting, camera settings and angles. The next workshop takes place on August 28th from 10am-4pm. **COST: €250.** For more, see www.d-lightstudios.com

FASHION JOURNALISM

Fashion scribes in the making can hone their craft by enrolling on the Diploma in Fashion Journalism at Independent Colleges, Dublin. Students sharpen their feature writing skills, get to grips with the fashion media marketplace and meet guest speakers from the industry. They will also produce a portfolio of work and develop fashion feature ideas that they can confidently pitch to editors. The 12-week course starts on October 6th and runs for 12 weeks, with a 3-hour seminar once per week. **COST: €895.** For more, see www.independentcolleges.ie

MILLINERY

Would-be Philip Treacys will be pleased to know that millinery courses are mushrooming up all over Ireland. Couture milliner, Linda McKay, runs one-and two-day workshops from her home studio in Inistoige, Co. Kilkenny. All attendees make their own headpieces using materials provided and numbers are kept small to enable one-on-one tutoring. Lunch and light refreshments

are included while the two-day course includes one night's accommodation.

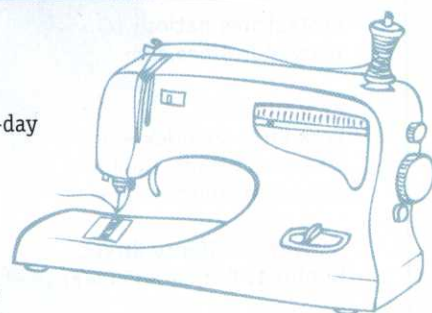
COST: from €245.

For more, see www.lindamckay.ie.

For a more intense course, the Grafton

Academy in Dublin runs two evening millinery courses each year. Be advised, though, waiting lists are lengthy. For more, see

www.graftonacademy.com



DRESSMAKING & DRESS DESIGN

The esteemed Mallow College of Design & Tailoring in Cork run diploma courses in dressmaking, pattern cutting and fashion design which are accredited by the City & Guilds.

Run for the last 22 years, the course has won numerous accolades. **COST: €350 per term.** Students can either study one full day or two nights per week. The diploma, which takes three years, is attained on continuous assessment and terms do not have to be served successively. For more, see www.mallowdesign.com or call 022 22768.

FASHION BUYING AND MERCHANDISING

The Portobello Institute in Dublin is one of the few schools offering a certificate in fashion buying and merchandising. The full-time, 28-week course takes in fashion retail administration, retail selling, retail display and communications and culminates in a work experience placement. Portobello Institute also offers intensive 10-day courses in the same subjects starting in September. **COST: from €1,697.** For more, see www.portobelloinstitute.ie

CRAFTERNOON TEA

Crafternoon Tea events are ideal for those who want to dip their toes into fashion design without committing to a course. The next one-day crash course for beginners is on September 25th. The event will incorporate seminars on 'the art of design', 'pattern drafting', 'basic alterations' and 'upcycling'. Other upcoming courses include 'Curious Collars, 'Embroidery, Embellishment & More' and their popular 'French Knickers and Cocktails' where participants learn how to make luxurious lingerie while sipping Cosmos! **COST: from €20 for a two-hour course.** See www.re-dress.ie for more.

