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**NEWS**

**RIAI Independent 2002 - 2005 Fee Survey is available from the RIAI Bookshop**

Copies of the new survey will be available from the RIAI bookshop later this week. Practices or members who wish to purchase a copy of the new survey can purchase a copy from the RIAI bookshop for €95 per copy. more...

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**RIAI Irish Architectural Awards 2006**
The RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2006 will be presented by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Dick Roche TD, at a ceremony in Dublin City Council’s Civic Offices on Wednesday, 7 June 2006. RTE’s Ryan Tubridy will act as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards.

Sixteen building projects will receive awards while a further forty-nine projects have been chosen for exhibition. The special award winners will be on display in the Members’ Room at the RIAI, 8 Merrion Square (8 June - 7 July) before travelling to twenty different locations around the country.

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**RIAI Good Practice Guide &grave; Time for a Revised Edition**

In May 1999 the RIAI first published the &rsqb;Good Practice Guide®, with a revised edition published in August 2002. In his foreword to the revised edition, Toal O&Muire, RIAI President in 2002 noted: &rsqb;When the first edition of the RIAI Good Practice Guide was published, the forward mentioned that practice standards and demands were evolving and increasing. Hence the need for a new edition three years later. more...

The RIAI would like to know from Practices and Members how the contents of the Good Practice Guide could be improved by the addition of new subjects and practices. Please write or e/mail us with your comments and suggestions to: jmiller@riai.ie
RIAI Professional Indemnity Insurance
Incidents/Circumstances Reported

From time to time Marsh Ireland review the pattern of claims, incidents and the type of circumstances which may lead to a claim. Those who attended the Marsh Ireland breakfast show on professional indemnity insurance in February 2006 will remember the analysis of P.I.I. claims displayed in graphic format. A similar analysis has now been reported to us by them covering and comparing the time period August 2003 to August 2005 with January 2005 to December 2005. more...

Planning Invalidations &grave; They haven&bsol;t Gone Away You Know!

Did I assume that the era of planning invalidations had passed? The answer to that question is yes; however an e/mail from Kevin Rooney changed that perception.

The culprit in this instance is Leitrim County Council who declared invalid his planning application because they could not open the CD Rom disc, which they insist must form part of the planning application. more...

Sustainable Energy Ireland and the Energy Performance Building Directive

Practice are concerned that they are not being informed in a timely manner about the impending Energy Performance Building Directive (EPBD). The RIAI shares these concerns.

Within the last 10 days a meeting was arranged by the Assistant Education Director Margaret O&bsol;Flanagan, the RIAI Practice Director Joe Miller with two representatives from the SEI who are specifically dealing with the implementation of the directive. more...

Planning Applications and Copyright of Architect&bsol;s Drawings
While copyright may be legally a complicated matter for the Courts, copyright of the design always rests with the designer. A curious development appears to be occurring when drawings are lodged for a planning application. Copies of the drawings are available from the public counter of the planning authority. Since the 2000 planning Act and 2001 regulations, there is a provision for members of the public to purchase copies of the drawings for a fee, to permit them to comment on the application during the planning process. <more...>

**Annual Report from the National Construction and Demolition Waste Council**

The National Construction and Demolition Waste Council (NCDWC) have just published their annual report which covers the period 2004-2005. <more...>

**Health and Safety Review News Briefing held on 19 May 2006**

The HSA has launched a public consultation process on the proposed new Asbestos regulations with the publication on its website of the draft Safety, health and Welfare at work (Protection of employees) (Exposure to Asbestos) Regulations 2006.

The regulations will transpose for the first time Directive 2003/18/EC, and will repeal and replace the existing sets of Asbestos Regulations.

The draft regulations can be downloaded from the HAS website [www.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie) Click on consultation and follow the links.

The HSA has also published draft Dangerous Substances and Preparations Marketing and Use regulations; use the same web site and follow the links. The final date for comments is Tuesday, 6 June 2006 at 5.00 p.m.
Simon Open Door &grave; A Great Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Open Door initiative last Saturday, 27 May.

We have had a very positive response from the public and great feedback from some of the practices.

The number of booked consultations increased by 250, which was a fantastic result and we are already looking at ways to improve and expand the event for 2007 and hope we can once again count on your support.

The event worked on several levels: raised funds for Simon Community; obtained some very positive publicity for architecture and the profession; and introduced a large number of potential clients to the benefits of working with a qualified architect.

Presentation to Select Committee on the Environment and Local Government - 26 April 2006

The Committee Stage in Dáil Éireann has been delayed from 25 May 2006 to 28 June 2006, due to the Infrastructure Bill. This means there is still some time for practitioners to comment on the Building Control Bill. Please forward your comments directly to the RIAI in advance of 25 June 2006.

Click here to view the text of the report to the Select Committee outlining the RIAI stance relating to amendments to the Building Control Bill.

Health and Safety on Site & Fraudulent Documents

There is a legal requirement for those working on building sites to have a Safe Pass card. These cards are issued after a training course has been attended by a worker who wishes to work on a building site. More...

Architecture Ireland: call for articles

Architecture Ireland, the official journal of the RIAI, would like to invite interested RIAI members to submit product research articles, product review articles, or technical product articles to the journal, for consideration for the Product Features section for all forthcoming editions. Case studies of materials used in recently completed projects would also be of interest.

Articles should be at least 800 words in length, accompanied by a selection of relevant images. There is a fee paid for published articles which would be discussed in more detail after initial interest is expressed.

All articles should be exclusive to Architecture Ireland.

Please contact Muireann on 01 295 8115 or muireann@architectureireland.ie to advise of your interest.

Limerick City Council - Architectural Consultancy Services

Limerick City Council administer a range of new build and refurbishment projects in residential, community and civic buildings and wish to establish a panel for the provision of Architectural Consultancy Services.


The closing date for receipt of tenders is 4pm, 23 June, 2006.

For further information please log on to the Public Sector Procurement Opportunities website at www.etenders.gov.ie
All WIT Graduates now Eligible for Architectural Technician Membership

Under the RIAI's Entry Regulations the qualifications for admission as an Architectural Technician Member are that an applicant has passed the final examination of an Approved or Accredited Course for Architectural Technicians and has two years post-examination Approved or Accredited Experience. More...

UIA and ACE

Torsanlorenzo International Prize 2006 & Results

www.premiotorsanlorenzo.it

ACE Third Edition Download

The third edition in 2006 of the ACE info, the update from the Architects' Council of Europe, is available. You can download it at the following address:

www.ace-cae.org/Public/aceinfo/downloadaceinfo.html

EVENTS

&Building Better Communities by Design;& Exhibition in Westmeath County Council Offices
As Ireland prepares to double its housing output in one generation, Building Better Communities by Design critically examines and assesses the quality of our built environment and identifies examples of best practice across the country.

Aimed primarily at the public, the schemes in the exhibition are representative of the high quality that can be achieved if all parties — architects, planners, developers, engineers and the local community — work together.

The exhibition also highlights shortcomings in the planning system in the context of efforts to build more sustainable communities and makes a number of proposals as to how the system can be improved to ensure the development of sustainable, vibrant communities going forward. The exhibition features town and village centres, housing, public spaces, and rejuvenation developments and highlights the massive challenges for planning in Ireland in the 21st century.

If you are interested in hosting the exhibition, please contact: jjacob@riai.ie

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**Belfast: negotiations for an Open City &grave; Yellow Space Exhibition**

26 May &grave; 8 June 2006. Belfast Exposed Gallery, 23 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FF

[www.buildinginitiative.org](http://www.buildinginitiative.org)

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**Annual RIAI Cricket Match with Leinster Taveners**

On Friday, 9 June the RIAI cricketers will play Leinster Taveners in an 8 ball, 15 over match, per side played under Taveners rules.

This particular annual fixture has been played since the mid 1980s and has proved to be a popular event carefully balanced with social activities after the game in the bar.

As the RIAI cricket squad grows older, year by year, there is a need for new blood. If you are interested in playing in the match or in being a spectator and enjoying the social activities after the game, please contact Joe Miller, tel: 6761703 or email: jmiller@riai.ie

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**Citterio product launch at DesignFlow**
Citterio demountable glazed partitioning with aluminium profile is now on display at DesignFlow. If you wish to view this and other new products please come to our launch. Champagne and sushi.

15 June from 5pm. DesignFlow Showroom, Distillery Court, 537 North Circular Road, Dublin 1

www.designflow.ie

RSVP or brochure request to Laure Debout on 01 834 9724 or laure@designflow.ie

The Irish Architectural Archive: Current exhibition

*Maurice Craig &grave; 50 Years of Photographing Architecture*

Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Open: Tues &grave; Fri, 10am &grave; 5pm, Admission is free.

For more information: www.iarc.ie

**RIAI Golf Society Calendar 2006**

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Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please send application (enclosing €40 cheque per event) to RIAI Golf, SSA Architects, 42 Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

Top to Toe in a Triumph !!

*Sept 15th &grave; 18th 2006*
RIAI Member, Alan Quinn, is participating in a classic car drive the length of Ireland taking 4 days, covering 1000 miles all in aid of Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children; Crumlin.

**Sponsorship Required**

All monies collected go to the Hospital. The individual car owners / drivers are funding their own expenses and giving their time free of charge.
We’ll put your company name / logo on the car for a €1000 donation.

Any donation is acceptable with cheques and drafts etc made out to The Children’s Medical & Research Foundation.

Please send Donations to:

Alan Quinn
Triumph Car Owners Club
43 Seaview Park
Shankill
Co. Dublin.

Please mark donation Top To Toe In A Triumph;

- [Download the Letter From Crumlin Hospital](#)
- [Download the Top to Toe Travel Route](#)

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**CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS**

**Architecture in the Public Service conference**


[Download further information](#)
ECCREDI Conference: "Stimulating Innovation towards SMEs in the Construction Sector"
16 June 2006. Brussels, BELGIUM
http://www.eccredi.org/

"Rethinking the City: Towards Zero-Carbon Cities" conference
22 June 2006. Dublin
www.cultivate.ie

London Architecture Biennale 2006
www.londonbiennale.org.uk

EuroSun 2006 conference: a major European Biennale for renewable energy
27 & 30 June 2006. Glasgow, UK
www.eurosun2006.org

Diary Date: "Building Houses or Creating Homes?" Focus Ireland Festival and Conference
Further information: sdigby@focusireland.ie
COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

Request for Tenders for Resource Pack to Support Best Practice in the Design of Childcare Facilities

Pobal (formerly ADM Ltd.) is an intermediary company, established in 1992 by the Irish Government in agreement with the European Commission to support local social and economic development in Ireland.

Pobal manages the day-to-day administration of the Government’s childcare investment programme. As part of the role, Pobal seeks to gather information and share learning to help childcare providers in developing high quality child-centred facilities and services.

Pobal is inviting tenders from appropriate individuals/companies to undertake production of a resource pack for future applicants for capital funding, to include:

- sample floor plans and concepts from childcare facilities to help share learning
- a user-friendly analysis of each blueprint/plan in terms of its key features/advantages, the type(s) of service and location(s) for which it would be appropriate
- a range of examples covering the full spectrum of types and sizes of childcare service
- an overall analysis, pulling together the best practice evidenced in the examples used

The tender proposal closing date is 9 June 2006.

For more information see: www.pobal.ie

Sligo County Council - Architectural Competition

Feasibility Study & Production of Outline Proposals for New City Library & Library Headquarters

Sligo County Council wishes to engage architects for the purpose of assessing the suitability of a site at Stephen Street, Sligo and the preparation of a feasibility study and
the production of outline proposals in respect of the construction of a new city branch library and library headquarters.

The Council dispatched a notice to the Official Journal of the European Union on 7 April, 2006 inviting responses to a tendering process for the procurement of architectural services as set out above. The tendering process is being conducted under the restricted procedure further to Directive 2004/18/EC.

For more information see the Public Procurement Opportunities Website: www.etenders.gov.ie

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**Call for Ideas: Reykjavík**

The city of Reykjavík is issuing a call for ideas on the planning of Vatnsmyri, a 150 hectare airfield site in central Reykjavík. Submission Deadline is: 23 June 2006

For more information: www.vatnsmyri.is

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**New RIBA Competition & Sports Academy: Reinvigorating Scunthorpe Central Park**

RIBA Competitions Office and the Landscape Institute announce a new open design competition for the development of new public sports facilities and reinvigoration of Central Park in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire. Stage one submission deadline is: 27 June 2006

For more information: www.ribacompetitions.com

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**Architectural Project Competition fro New Development in Essen**

The ThyssenKrupp Group launch an architectural project competition for office and administrative buildings to be newly constructed in Essen on an inner city plot of approximately 15 hectares.

Registration deadline: 30 June 2006

For more information: www.thyssenkrupp-competition.com
Southbank Competition: based in South Africa

The Southbank is an open, two-stage competition that aims to produce visualisations of a new sustainable community for 2000-3000 people.

Submission deadline is: 7 August 2006
For more information: www.southbank-competition.org
N.B. This competition is endorsed by the South African Institute of Architects.

Peepshow International Pavilion Design Competition 2006

Promoting visual art, design and architecture through a creative street presence for visual art during Artcity, the annual juried Peepshow International Pavilion Design Competition will commission the design and construction (pending funding) of one pavilion every year. The winning entry from Peepshow 2006 will be constructed for Artcity 2007.

Submission deadline is: 25 August 2006
For more information: www.art-city.ca

Europa Nostra : Call For Entries 2006

Closing date for applications:

Category 2: 1 September 2006
Categories 1 & 3: 15 September 2006

Outstanding heritage achievements will be awarded six monetary Prizes of €10,000 each, in addition to Medals and Diplomas in the following categories:

1. Conservation of:
   A) Architectural heritage
   B) Landscapes
   C) Works of art
   D) Archaeological sites

2. Study in the field of cultural heritage conservation
3. Dedicated Service to heritage conservation by individuals or groups

For more information see: www.europanostra.org

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Architecture for Humanity &grave; Architectural responses to humanitarian crises**

An independent television company in Belfast is looking for Irish architects who have an involvement with Architecture for Humanity as they would like to make a documentary.

For more information on Architecture for Humanity: www.architectureforhumanity.org

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**A0 Drawing Cabinet available free**

Upright A0 drawing cabinet - free to anyone who wants to come and take it away (from Upper Baggot Street practice). Contact 01 667 7200 if interested.

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**JOB SEEKERS**

**South African looking for permanent job in any sector of the architectural field**

She is currently working on AutoCAD LT 2005 doing corrections and sketch plans at an Architectural Practice in South Africa. She is available to start work immediately. Will need a work permit to be employed in Ireland.

If interested, please contact Natasha: natashasmith28@hotmail.com
American Architectural Design Major looking for 9 Month Internship

Architectural design major at Judson College, in Elgin, Illinois requires a nine month period of internship from the end of July.

He is particularly interested in church architecture, and sustainable design.

If interested please contact Ben Crum for a copy of his CV: lbcrum@judsoncollege.edu

Polish Architecture Student seeks summer work experience

Student of Architecture and Town Planning from Poland (2nd Year) would like to spend her university summer gaining work experience in a good architecture studio abroad. Available 5 July 2006.

Designs manually, as well as with Microstation 8.0 v, ArchiCad 9.0 v and AutoCad. Speaks fluent English. Please contact Hanna at hancinek@wp.pl or Polish mobile: +48 697387021

RIAI Bookshop

Recent Arrivals at the Bookshop at RIAI, 8 Merrion Square:

Munich: Architecture & Design
Publisher: teNeus
Price: €13.95

Hamburg: Architecture & Design
Publisher: teneus
Price: €13.95

Berlin Apartments
Publisher: teNeus
Price: €18.95

Architecture Guide &grave; Germany, 20th century
Author: Nerdinger Tafel
Cool Restaurants, Berlin
Publisher: teNeus
Price: €13.50

Cool Shops, Berlin
Publisher: teNeus
Price: €14.95

Jewish Museum Berlin
Author: Berhard Schneider
Publisher: Prestel
Price: €14.95

Hamburger Kontorhäuser
Author: Hans Meyer-Veden, Hermann Hipp
Publisher: Ernst & Sohn
Price: €58.41

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