Seasons Greetings from all at the RIAI

The RIAI would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For the fifth year, the RIAI is making a donation to charity rather than sending cards. Our chosen charity is the Simon Communities of Ireland, who do an excellent job looking after the homeless throughout Ireland.

Donate to the Simon Communities of Ireland.

Best wishes for 2009 from all at the RIAI.

Please note that the offices of the RIAI will close at 5pm on Tuesday, 23 December 2008 and reopen at 9am on Friday, 2 January 2008.

Taoiseach launches Framework for Sustainable Economic Renewal - What does all this mean for Architecture?

RIAI was represented at the launch of “Building Ireland’s Smart Economy: A Framework for Sustainable Economic Renewal” at Dublin Castle on 18 December 2008.

The Taoiseach emphasised the Government’s commitment to borrow to fund the capital expenditure programme and re-prioritisation towards more capital intensive programmes.

Both the Taoiseach and Minister Ryan emphasised the concept of Ireland as a centre for Research and Design, for innovation and green technology. This ambition will evoke a grim smile from those architects and architectural practices whose intellectual property/copyright has, in effect, been stolen by contract under the Dept. of Finance forms of appointment, hardly an incentive for innovation.

The Framework makes reference to:

• “environmental considerations will be further integrated into the pubic procurement process in 2009, bringing us in line with best performers in Europe”
• “current capital appraisal and cost benefit analysis guidelines will be awarded in early 2009 to incorporate best practice reflecting the cost of CO2 emissions in cost benefit analysis”

It is difficult to see these aims being realised in the current lowest cost environment for architectural and other construction services.

Key elements for the plan include:

• stabilising public finances and improving competitiveness, supporting those who become unemployed and supporting Irish business and multinational companies

• investing heavily in research and development, incentivising multinational companies to locate more R&D capacity in Ireland, and ensure the commercialisation and retaining of ideas that flow from that investment

• implementing a “new green deal” to move us away from fossil fuel-based energy production through investment in renewable energy and to promote the green enterprise sector and the creation of “green-collar” jobs

• supporting high-value innovation of products and services that will create hundreds of thriving Irish companies and associated employment

• developing first-class infrastructure that will improve quality of life and increase the competitiveness of Irish business.

But does all this mean anything for architecture and construction? The reality is that 80/90% of the framework consists of previously announced programmes.

The main relevant elements are:

• Fiscal support is being applied to pump billions of Euro into the economy through unparalleled investments in infrastructure which will make the economy more competitive. This constitutes proportionately the largest capital programme in the EU

• Capital investment allocations will be reviewed to identify scope for re-prioritisation towards more Labour intensive activities

• Significant funding will be made available for a range of housing programmes and insulation schemes
• Activity and employment in the construction sector will benefit from substantial and sustained capital investment under the NDP; in particular the Exchequer will provide €1.66 billion for housing in 2009

• Retraining of construction and other workers will be re-focused and enhanced in order to support retrofitting of our housing stock and provide the skills for the green economy

• Government will explore and pursue opportunities in international services including in Tourism, Construction, the Maritime Sector, Arbitration and Digital Trade Facilitation

• Government will seek to position Ireland as a location of choice in the International Education market

• The programme of Ministerial-led trade missions will be expanded to build on both existing markets and also new opportunities, including Asia, the Gulf states, Brazil, Russia and the developing EU markets

• €30 million will be spent in 2009 helping the installation of better insulation in over 25,000 houses

• In the first quarter 2009 the Government will publish its National Energy Efficiency Action Plan including the targeted 33% improvement in energy efficiency in its own services by 2020

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• Some 2 billion will be invested over the coming years in Dublin Airport

• €300-600 million in capital investment will be made in our commercial seaports over the period to 2013

• Investment will be made in 2009 of €1.3 billion capital funding in social housing €102.5 million in Affordable Housing Initiatives and other Private Housing Supports

• A capital allocation is being made in 2009 to the school building programme of €581 million with a third-level
capital investment of €265 million

- The Arts, Sports and Tourism capital allocation of €148 million in 2009 will develop sporting and cultural infrastructure and enhance the infrastructure aimed at tourists and foreign visitors

- There will be a requirement for open access fibre to be installed, where practicable, in new premises

- An analysis of the implementation of the National Spatial Strategy (NSS) by end March 2009 will be used to assess the extent to which sectoral programmes are aligned with the NSS and to recommend any necessary re-prioritisation

- The strategic Corridor Frameworks for the Atlantic Gateway cities (Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Galway) will be completed early in 2009

- Under the Rural Development Programme funding of €425.4 million will be provided for the diversification of the rural economy, creating up to 12,000 jobs in rural areas

- The Stamp Duty applicable to commercial property is being reformed to provide an impetus to the commercial property market and help stimulate commercial development and investment

- Enterprise Ireland will provide a construction sector export service to assist companies and professionals to market their services abroad

- Supports will be provided to promote sustainable development in the Gateways under the National Spatial Strategy. For example, measures are being introduced in the Finance Bill to facilitate the redevelopment of the Cork Docklands, while the Dublin Docklands Authority and Limerick City regeneration agencies are promoting regeneration in those areas

- Government will implement a strategy to develop Irish construction companies to a scale and level of sophistication where more of them can successfully compete for major contracts across the world

- Government will improve government-industry relations through the harmonization of government policy on trade, industrial, and intellectual property

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- Funding is being provided to Sustainable Energy Ireland
to support high performing energy efficient demonstration projects in the social housing sector

- A full energy efficiency audit of the public housing stock will begin in 2009 and €5 million will be spent on the first retrofitting projects.

- 21,000 smart meters will be placed in Irish homes as a test project prior to the roll out of the new smart grid to every home in the country.

- Government will explore ways to further reduce the carbon impacts of new housing.

- The mandatory requirement under the Building Regulations for new homes to source some of their energy from renewable sources and a Building Energy Rating system will create a new market for renewable energy technology in this country and stimulate opportunities for innovative new approaches in the Green Tech sectors.

- Enhance quality of life by improving physical infrastructure, transportation, and environmental services.

- The 5 year rolling multi-annual capital envelopes for public capital investment.

- Revised guidelines for the appraisal and management of capital expenditure.

- Fixed price contracts as the norm.

- Full Cost Benefit Analysis of capital projects over €30 million.

- Appointment of individual project managers for all capital projects.

5th Annual RIAI/Simon Open Door: Saturday 7 March
The RIAI and the Simon Communities of Ireland are once again joining forces for the fundraising initiative Simon Open Door on **Saturday 7 March 2009**.

Over the last 4 years, we have raised nearly €150,000 for Simon and provided over 2000 consultations to the public. This year the aim is to raise €50,000 to bring the combined total to €200,000.

**How to Participate in 2009:**

We are asking RIAI Architects and Practices around the country to open their offices on Saturday 7 March, giving members of the public an hour’s consultation in return for a €75 donation to Simon. All participating Architects give their time for free and every cent raised will go directly to the nearest Simon centre, helping to provide accommodation for people experiencing homelessness in your area.

This initiative also helps to raise the profile of architects within their local communities and can have the added benefit of introducing some members to prospective clients.

For 2009, we have a very tight deadline: Our aim is to launch to the public on Monday 2 February, so we need to have RIAI Architects and Practices signed up and registered before this date.

Download the [Registration Form](#) or you can contact Clare Finglas at cfinglas@riai.ie or by telephone at 01 669 1462.

*Your time and generosity are greatly appreciated.*
Practices and Members. The discussion centred on new business opportunities that may exist by means of new legislation on energy, accessibility, fire safety, bespoke design advice and management skills. Some of these suggestions reflect the new legislation while other suggestions remind members that we have allowed other consultants to take over the natural role of the Architect, because we were too busy on more important matters. It may well be the time to reassert our rights and revisit these services and offer the service to our potential clients. The suggestions are below:

**Building Maintenance and Appraisal**
Post Occupancy Evaluation
Provide Planned Maintenance Guidelines and Implementation
Provide Facilities Management Advice and Services

**Specialised Testing and Design Services**
Provided Air-tightness / thermal testing
Provide Acoustics Testing
Provide Specialist Lighting Design
Provide Interior Design / space planning advice to domestic market – on an hourly rate

**Accessibility and Universal Design**
Provide Specialist Accessibility and Universal Design
Domestic Disability Access and Adaption

**Energy and Sustainability**
Sustainability Advice and Design
Advice on Energy & Energy Conservation
Advice on Domestic Upgrading for Energy Conservation
Provide BER Ratings for Domestic and Non-Domestic Buildings
Become a BREEAM Auditors
Provide Environmental Assessments

**Project Management**
Project Management in addition to Standard Architectural Services
Expert Brief Writing for Client/ Projects (in particular Public or inexperienced clients)

**Dispute Resolution**
Act in Dispute Resolution – Mediation – Conciliation – Arbitration
Act as Expert Witness in Court cases

**Building Conservation**
Become Accredited Conservation Architect
Up-grade Existing Conservation Accreditation
**Health and Safety**
Offer Project Supervisor Design Stage Services
Offer Health & Safety Services

**Reviving Existing Business Opportunities**
Prepare Fire Safety Applications
Party Wall Negotiations
Advise on Right to Light
Act as Expert Witness

**Existing Building Surveys**
Provide Condition Building Surveys
Provide Dimensional Building Surveys
Provide New Domestic Building “Snag Lists”
Domestic Valuations (subject to P.I.I. cover)

**Opinions on Compliance**
Sign Architects’ Opinions on Compliance (outside full service)

**Planning Services**
Planning Appeals to An Bord Pleanála
Planning Advice on an hourly basis
Provide advice on Building Costing on an hourly basis

**New Promotional Activities**
New Practice Website
Be more proactive in attracting potential clients – national networking events
Network events between Architects and other local small scale contractors & professionals i.e. engineers, QS, Solicitors etc
More PR – e.g. RIAI Website

**Practice Management Improvements**
Establish Project Cost Analysis and Control using computer software
Provide Soft Skills Training
Review Internal Good Energy Management
Increase Rates Hourly Rates
Claim Fees for Additional Services
Don’t work at absurdly low fee levels and Refer to RIAI current Fee Survey
Show Good leadership

**Current and Pending CPD Courses**
RIAI Accreditation on Accessibility and Universal design
RIAI Accreditation on Sustainability
RIAI Designing for Safety
RIAI Project Supervisor Design Process

**Notional CPD Courses**
RIAI Environmental Services Course
RIAI Risk Management Course  
RIAI Urban Design Course

**Business Opportunities for RIAI Practices**
The Institute has collaborated with “Online Tradesmen” to offer RIAI practices an opportunity to join the service which provides a platform for members of the public to post jobs (generally small residential and small scale commercial projects) and invite registered practices to contact them in relation to the jobs. This service will cost practices €99 per annum.  [www.onlinetradesmen.com](http://www.onlinetradesmen.com)

**Reduction in the Number of Planning Applications – April to June 2008**
The number of planning applications made in the second quarter of 2008 are down considerably for all planning authorities throughout the country, compared to the same period in 2007. The only exception is Limerick City, which has a slight increase from 103 to 104 applications. The figures are as follows:

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Planning Invalidations: Bad News from County Louth

Something has gone awry with the County Louth planning authority which has an exemplary and envied record of validating planning applications at the public counter. County Louth were one of a select number of planning authorities - Sligo, Wexford and County Galway are the others - that consistently returned invalidation percentages in the range of 0% to less than 5%.

For the first time since the RIAI has monitored the statistics from the DoE/H/LG, Co. Louth has invalidated 22% of all applications in the period April to June 2008. The normal invalidation percentage was 0%.

We can only assume that the management procedures normally adopted by the planning department of validating at the counter has in part or in whole been abandoned. Perhaps RIAI practitioners in the Co. Louth region can shed some light on this.

Invalidation returns from are consistently good from Sligo 3%; Wexford 8% and County Galway 2%. Some others: Westmeath at 8%; Kildare at 10%; Dun Laoghaire Rathdown at 11%; Mayo at 11%; Cork City, Cavan, Kilkenny at 12% all show improved figures.

The highest invalidation rates are from the usual suspects Leitrim 68%; Galway City 40%; Roscommon 34% and Waterford City 32%. Regrettably Fingal has increased from 13.1% the previous quarter in 2007 to 27%, while Dublin
jurisdiction, explaining the possibility of being invalidated, because of the invalidation record of the planning authority. The 2008 figures to-date should be quoted.

**Planning Statistics – Comment on Deferred Decisions**

For the first time we concentrate on what are described as deferred decisions in the statistics issued in the quarterly planning statistics from the DoE/H/LG. Decisions deferred means “applications not decided within 8 weeks due to requests for further information or extensions of time granted to the applicant.”

Practices and Members regularly complain that they receive unnecessary requests for additional information, described by the statistics as “deferred decisions”. Decisions may be deferred at the request of the applicant, an unusual event, however, there is no break down of why the decisions are deferred in the statistics. Anecdotally Members have informed us that one planning authority advise the agent/architect when making the planning application that they will receive a request for additional information, when the application is lodged. In some instances, one request for additional information leads to a number of requests.

North Tipperary and Kildare have the greatest number of deferred decisions at 56.5% and 54.9% respectively for a total number of applications. Following closely on their heels are Wicklow, Monaghan and Limerick County with 51.9%, 51.2% and 50.1% of a total number of applications. Limerick City deferred 49% of all of the applications. Dublin City is the lowest rate with 3.8%, followed by Galway city with 8.7%

Again, as advised with the invalidation rate, the Practice / Member should take note of these statistics and advise the client, before the planning application is made of their chances of receiving a planning decision within the 8 week statutory period.

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Strategic Review

RIAI is presently engaged in a strategic review which was initially intended to evaluate the role of the Institute in a post-registration environment, but this has now been extended to the new economic situation. Members will be involved and consulted in the development of the plan in a number of different ways. The plan is scheduled for completion in May 2009.

Model Health and Safety Statements for Architectural Practices

The RIAI new Model Health and Safety Statement for Architectural Practices has been published on the RIAI
website. The new statement takes into account recent Health and Safety legislation and the onus on Architectural Practices to take account of these changes. Download the Model Health and Safety Statement for Architectural Practices.

The previous statement, now superseded, has been archived.

Newly Formed RIAI Small Practice Forum in the Southern Region

Michael Williams, Southern region representative on RIAI Council reports that the Southern region had its first small practice forum meeting on the 4th December 2008. The meeting was well attended and hopefully, because of the attendance, will be the first of many.

Initially the forum was set up along the lines of the Dublin region forum, without a set agenda, to encourage the casual exchange of views and opinions on current difficulties and trends in architectural practice. The Southern region will decide on the appropriate style of forum that will suit their needs.

With two fora up and running, perhaps the Western, Northern, Midlands and South East regions might consider similar ventures.

If so the Practice Director would like to assist. Please contact jmiller@riai.ie to discuss.

RIAI Small Practice Forum –Dublin Region – 2009 meetings

The existing group was complimented by additional Practice Members at the November and December 2008 meetings.

At the November meeting the group, because of number size, broke into two groups to aid the informal open discussion format.

The first three meetings in 2009 will be on Wed. 21 January, Wed. 18 February, Wed. 25 March.

If there are any interested parties who would like to attend these meetings they should contact Joe Miller jmiller@riai.ie to book a place.

HomeBond has formed an Alliance with Allianz Insurance - Architect Beware!

HomeBond the house guarantee scheme has a partnership with Allianz Insurance whereby the cost of repairing a building defect under their new alliance is covered by insurance.

We have seen a Declaration form provided by HomeBond with the following text:

As part of the Declaration by the Proposer/ House
Purchaser the following is required to be signed:

“I/we confirm that should HomeBond Insurance cover be granted in respect of units registered by me/us, where a claim is made by the Homeowner in respect of a Major Defect and Allianz makes payment to the Homeowner under its Policy I/we assign to Allianz all legal rights I/we have against any engineer, architect or consultant in respect of the Major Defect or damage to which the claim relates. I/we agree to execute, on request from Allianz, such further documents, and take such actions within my/our control, to give full effect to this obligation.”

Practices and Members may not be aware that their client has been requested and has given such an undertaking. You are advised at the time of signing the Client/Architect agreement to ascertain if your client wishes to obtain a property from a contractor or self build using the HomeBond scheme in association with Allianz.

The RIAI will further investigate, but Members/Practices should be aware of the above.

**RIAI Silver Medal for Housing 2005/2006**

The Award is made to encourage excellence of design in housing.

The term ‘building’ is interpreted broadly to include housing schemes and blocks of flats, both public and private groups of buildings of a single multi-functional housing/dwelling type.

**Submission date: 30 January 2009**

Download nomination form.

**Jobseeker’s Allowance Success**

It emerged in October that some candidates for the RIAI and UCD examinations in professional practice who had been made redundant had been refused a Jobseeker’s Allowance by the Dept. of Social Welfare on the basis that, as registered students at UCD, they were not available for work.

In response the RIAI prepared a formal statement that covers students for both examinations and sent it to the candidate who first notified the RIAI of the problem. The statement explains how the Examination system operates and its importance for an architect’s employability here and abroad and for admission to the Register. It shows clearly that there is no conflict between being registered as a ‘student’ for the RIAI Examination in Professional Practice or the UCD Certificate in Professional Practice and Practical Experience and being available for full-time employment.
On 17 December the candidate reported that his appeal to the Dept. of Social Welfare had been successful, that the Jobseeker's Allowance had been granted and fully backdated to the date of his original application.

Any other candidate who finds him or herself in the same position in the future can contact the RIAI for assistance.

**RIAI Architectural Competitions**
Members and Practices will be pleased to hear that the RIAI will be managing a number of sustainability-related competitions next year in association with SEI. These include a Housing Retrofit Ideas Competition with Fingal County Council; a Sustainable Housing (40 units) two stage competition with Fingal County Council; the RIAI Corrigan House competition and a sustainable school competition with DES.

In addition to these competitions, Ireland will be taking part Europan 10 with two sites in Galway and Ballymun. Europan 10 is open to architects under 40. Discussions are ongoing with several public and private bodies in relation to possible competitions and once confirmed, information on these new competitions will be made public.

**RIAI Competition update**

**Bord Gáis Networks – National Distribution Control Building Competition**

Denis Byrne Architects were chosen as the winners of the Bord Gáis competition. The seven unsuccessful submissions on the shortlist were NORD LLP, VMX Architects, Heneghan Peng Architects, Lawrence & Long Architects, Hascher + Jehle Planungsgesellschaft mbH, Bucholz McEvoy Architects Ltd. and Oliver Chapman Architects.

**Metro West Liffey Bridge Design Competition**
Stage 2 of the Metro West Liffey Bridge Design
Competition opened on 17 September. There were 5 entries shortlisted. The Stage 2 submissions have been assessed. The winner will be announced in January 2009.

**West Cork Arts Centre Architectural Design Competition**
216 Stage 1 submissions were received for the West Cork Arts Centre Competition. 4 submissions were shortlisted for Stage 2. Stage 2 submissions have been assessed. The winner will be announced in January 2009.

**Masterplan & Offices for Meath County Council & Navan Town Council Competition**
80 submissions were received for the Meath Competition. 4 submissions have been shortlisted for Stage 2. Stage 2 submission deadline is 30 January 2009. The winner will be announced in March 2009.

**Ballsbridge-Dodder Pedestrian Bridge Competition**
43 submissions were received for the competition and the winner was Alan Dempsey.

**No. 16 Henrietta Street Open Ideas Design Competition**
79 submissions were received for the 16 Henrietta Street Design Ideas Competition. Ryan W Kennihan Architects won the competition.

**Estimating Building Costs**

The 3rd edition of Spon’s Irish Construction price Book has been published by Taylor and Francis. The editors are Franklin and Andrews. The editor is quoted as follows; “This publication sets out a reliable and consistent approach to the measurement and pricing for works within building construction and associated activities for all
projects. This layout conforms that the latest Agreed Rules of Measurement Issue 3. Any company involved in the construction industry; designers, contractors or consultants and the like, will benefit from this essential reference.”

The cost of the publication is €170 and it is available from the RIAI Bookshop.

**Code of Practice for Access and Working Scaffolds**
The Health and Safety Authority has just published a new Code of Practice for Access and Working Scaffolds. This Code replaces Code of Practice for Access and Working Scaffolds issued by the Authority in 1999, in accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 1989. The aim of the new Code of Practice is to provide practical guidance to scaffold erectors, contractors and users of scaffolding on the requirements and prohibitions set out in the relevant statutory provisions.

Copies of the Code can be purchased for €35 or downloaded from the HSA web site www.hsa.ie

**RIAI Good Practice Guide Edition 3**

The RIAI Good Practice Guide Edition 3 is now available in an online format. The Guide is only available to RIAI members and to those sitting the Part 3 examination and is on a subscription basis.

The Online version has been developed to enable the Institute update and amend the Guide to keep up-to-date with the ever increasing legislative and contractual
unique password to access the publication and will receive email alerts regarding any changes or updates. The subscription is €30 + VAT per member. http://gpg.riai.ie

The Online version is being updated and amended by editorial board so that the guide is kept up-to-date with the ever increasing legislative and contractual changes.

The topics under review are below and if a Member wishes to comment on the content, add specific topics to the content, please advise jmiller@riai.ie

**A. Project Procedures**

1.0 Appointment
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6.1 On-Site Operations and Completion

**B. Administration and Financial Procedures**

7.0 Information Control
7.1 Incoming Correspondence and Project Documents
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7.3 Filing Systems – Hard copy and Electronic filing
7.4 Drawing Production
7.5 Information Resources
   - 8.0 Computers and Equipment
8.1 Protection from Viruses and other Malware
8.2 Computer Management
8.3 Computer Back-up and Retrieval
8.4 Equipment Control
   - 9.0 Financial Control
9.1 Financial Planning and Control
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**C. Management Procedures**

10.0 Management Procedures
10.1 Practice Management and Designation of Responsibilities
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10.3 Practice Health and Safety
10.4 Audit, Corrective and Preventive Action
10.5 Document Control - Practice Procedures
10.6 Post-Project Review and Client Feedback
10.7 Management Review

D. Appendices

UIA & ACE

Download the latest newsletter from UIA.
View the latest electronic issue from ACE.

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

Building Transport Infrastructure Conference 2009 – Opportunities, Timeframes & Strategies
For more information: sarah@commercialevents.ie

European Pellet Conference
For more information: www.wsed.at

COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

Urban Planning of Ramses Square in Cairo, Egypt
Registration deadline: 1 January 2009
For more information: www.urbanharmony.org

Open Design Competition – Astley Village, Chorley, Lancashire
Submission deadline: 7 January 2009
For more information: www.astleyvillagecompetition.co.uk

Open Design Competition – National Wildflower Centre
Submission deadline: 7 January 2009
For more information: www.architecture.com/competitions
Theatre in Construction, Lublin, Poland
Expression of interest deadline: 9 January 2009
For more information: www.lubelskie.pl

Tender - Authors for 'Improving the Accessibility of Historic Buildings and Sites' and 'The Conservation of Places of Public Worship'
Expression of interest deadline: 23 January 2009
For more information: www.e-tenders.gov.ie

Arts Council Kevin Kieran Architectural Award - €50,000
Application deadline: 29 January 2009
For more information: www.artscouncil.ie

RIAI Silver Medal for Housing 2005/2006
Submission deadline: 30 January 2009
For more information: Nomination Form

Erskine Award 2009
Application deadline: 28 February 2009
For more information: www.arkitekt.se/erskine2009

IOC/IAKS AWARD - Exemplary Sports & Leisure Facilities 2009
Closing date for entries: 31 March 2009
For more information: www.iaks.info

MAXMIX Cities: Celebration of Cities 3
Registration deadline: 15 May 2009
For more information: www.celebcities3.org

➤ MISCELLANEOUS

Your Project in Architecture Ireland 2009 - Special Call-Out for Sustainability and Emerging Practices
Dear Members,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of Architecture Ireland, which has allowed us to feature truly exciting and innovative work by RIAI members. Published 10-times a year, AI is the official journal of the RIAI and a showcase for the best in Irish architecture. Your outstanding work has allowed the magazine to hold its own amongst international architectural publications.

Architecture Ireland is currently announcing a special call-out for the following projects:

Projects with a high emphasis on Sustainability – we
require 5-10 professionally taken photographs and 3-4 key drawings, sketches or diagrams. Your written statement should outline the sustainable elements of your project (energy, environment, community, re-use of buildings, etc). Projects must be completed and available for publication in early 2009. **Deadline: 7 Jan 2009.**

**Work by Emerging Practices** – we require 1-2 A4 sheets that describe with photographs, drawings and sketches innovation in design and use of materials. The work can range from smaller projects to furniture design. **Deadline: 7 Jan 2009.**

In addition, we are delighted to receive submissions from RIAI members for consideration for publication on an on-going basis. Submissions can be made at any time during the year when a project is completed. For stage 1 submission we require a small (5-10) selection of photographs, key drawings and a short written statement, illustrating what recommends this project for publication. The editorial board of Architecture Ireland meets monthly to consider projects for publication. Aside from the architectural quality of a project, important criteria are the availability of professional photography and the opportunity to present a project for first publication in Ireland (excluding newspapers).

All submissions – whether for ongoing projects, Sustainability or Emerging Practices, should be sent for the attention of The Editor, Architecture Ireland, 9 Sandyford Office Park, Sandyford, Dublin 18. Should you have any queries regarding your submission, please contact Ailbhe Maloney E Ailbhe@architectureireland.ie or T 01 295 8115.

Publication in Architecture Ireland is an important opportunity to showcase the work of your practice, particularly in these difficult times. AI is circulated to all RIAI Members, sold in selected shops nationwide, while subscribers include government bodies and professionals drawn from the wider built environment. We would be delighted to see your project in Architecture Ireland in 2009.

With many best wishes for the New Year,

Dr Sandra Andrea O’Connell
Editor

**Office to Rent**

Brand new serviced office with secure parking space in the Dublin Docklands area – 260 sq ft. This very modern and attractive own door office is contained within a larger unit with established Architectural Practice and has the use of existing office facilities. This fantastic office faces directly on
to Grand Canal Dock and is finished to a high level including air conditioning, CAT5 networking, telephone and internet access. The location can be easily accessed via a host of public transport networks including bus services and the Dart at Grand Canal Dock. Contact info@bcdh.com for detail.

**Space Available in Dublin 2**
Interested in some city centre space? Potential to share services. 70sqm available in three rooms. Available separately or as a single entity. Contact Deirdre 01 6729893.

**Office space available in Foxrock / Cabinteely**
The office is fully fitted including technology and a meeting room. Could accommodate about 4 people with flexibility. Contact Bill 01 2897949.

**Office Space available**
- Self contained first floor level suite.
- c.50 sqm
- Available on short term sub lease.
- Close to City Centre, Rathmines & Ranelagh.
- Located near LUAS Green Line.
- Rent €18,000 per annum (incl. car parking)
Contact Sara: 01 491 1700

**Space available in Malthouse building**
Duff Tisdall are sharing their Malthouse building with other design professionals - graphics, photography, architects and conservation specialists, so far - and have a couple of spaces left for rent available on flexible terms that would suit small practices or individuals. The premises must be seen. Contact us to visit any time. Smaller spaces or larger areas available.
In addition to space rented, there are additional facilities provided at no extra cost. Common reception area, meeting room, kitchen and bathrooms. Office space fully serviced and ready to go. Fully wired for electrics, data points and lighting. Building secured and alarmed. A really creative working environment.
Contact Greg: greg@studiod.ie

**Office Space – Merrion Square**
Merrion Sq. office for €1200 pm ! Well presented front office in basement with entrance lobby/meeting area and open plan layout. Short term with flexible rates. Two toilets and kitchenette shared with one other tenant on same level. Cat5, Toilets, Phone lines, Kitchen. Details at www.daft.ie/538943

**Desk / Studio Space Available**
Desk spaces to rent/ Studio space available to share, Dublin 2: Architectural studio space available to share with 2 easygoing and attractive architects (!!!!!) just off Camden Street. This space would suit a sole practitioner/ 2 people
and is a bright, ground floor space with all relevant facilities etc. Parking may be available upon request. Contact Sue, suenarchitecture@gmail.com for further information.

**Office Space**
Office space with shared facilities available on a short term basis in Merrion Square. Would suit a number of individuals or a small practice. Contact Hilary on 087 650 2602

**Office Space to spare**
Established architects office seeks other architects / design professionals to share bright attractive office space on the 3rd floor of a period building adjacent to Smithfield Market. Would suit 2-3 people. Reasonable rent / shared office expenses. Contact Paul Kearney, Kearney + Kiernan Architects, tel. 8788282 or kkarch@iol.ie for more details.

**Looking to share a quality office space in the heart of Dublin city?**
Camden Place offers an ideal workplace for your company. A young architectural firm currently occupy this office, which is located over two floors and fitted out to an excellent standard. There is ample space for a company of approx. 10 staff with the added benefit of an existing reception, kitchen/canteen and admin/meeting rooms on a separate floor. First-class meeting rooms, located on the top floor, offer fantastic views over the city centre. The office space offers scope for a flexible arrangement. Please contact Aoife: 01 475 8696

**Office to rent**
Superb opportunity to rent prime office space in the heart of the city centre. This property has an excellent profile and will suit a variety of office uses. Located on Townsend Street between the IFSC and the Southern Dock development this busy and bustling street is well served by the local transport infrastructure. On offer is c.315 sq ft of office space, use of a modern board room and access to secretarial / administrative services. This prime office offers tremendous potential for any new business and the length of the leasehold interest is negotiable. Viewing is highly recommended and strictly by appointment. Rent: €16,000 p.a. Contact Linda Curtin: 01 6729907

**WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE: 13 x 25 min TV documentary series**
Tile Films is looking for an Irish speaking architect with an interest in historical houses to co-present a series they are currently pitching to broadcasters called WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE. One presenter will have a genealogical / social history background and the other presenter should have an architectural history background.
WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE is the series that tells the extraordinary stories of the generations of Irish people who have lived in our houses before us. Who was murdered in our attic, who made love in the back bedroom and who hid under the stairs during the Civil War? How many children were born here and who did they become? The reason most people like historic buildings isn't just because of their architecture, it's the knowing that others preceded us, and that lifetimes occurred in our homes. WHO LIVED IN MY HOUSE sets out to unlock the real stories hidden in our walls – finding out how and when it was built and how many and what changes have taken place to it over the years.

For more information: Rachel Towell rachel@tilefilms.ie 01 611 4646 www.tilefilms.ie

▶ RIAI BOOKSHOP

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

**Memories, Milestones and New Horizons – Reflections on the Regeneration of Ballymun**
Editor: Aibhlin McCrann  
Publisher: Gill & MacMillan  
Price: €20.00

**Houses Now, Urban Houses**
Author: RIBA  
Publisher: Links  
Price: €33.10

**Julius Shulman - Diary 2009**
Author: Taschen  
Publisher: Taschen  
Price: €18.50

Author: Phaidon  
Publisher: Phaidon  
Price: €150.00

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