Scoil Phádraig
Westport, Co. Mayo
SJK Architects
Joint Winner: Education RIAI Awards 2018
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Introduction

2018 has seen the introduction of significant government initiatives seeking to set a vision and support longer-term development of Ireland’s built environment and infrastructure to support the social and economic development of our growing population. Project Ireland 2040 - the National Development Framework, published in February, envisages growth of roughly one million people living in Ireland from the current level of 4.8m people to 5.8m by 2040 and a rebalancing of our population and opportunities towards the cities and regions to the south and west of the country. Other initiatives include the National Development Plan 2018-2027 setting out short to medium term targets, the establishment of the Land Development Agency to open up key State lands for regeneration and development and to drive strategic land assembly, legislation relaxing restrictions on building height and planning guidelines for new apartments. If deployed effectively, the combination of these initiatives has the potential to enable the sustainable growth of our cities, towns and villages with meaningful reductions in sprawl and long-distance commuting. Success will be greatly reliant on excellence in leadership from central government and local authorities and careful phased planning of financial and human resources over the next two decades and beyond.

Activity in the construction sector and the demand for architects’ services has seen strong growth throughout 2018, continuing the pattern established in preceding years. While this is positive, poor procurement practices, which encourage lowest price over value, continues to lead to sub-optimal outcomes. A growing shortage of skilled professionals and construction workers is impacting the efficient delivery of buildings and is fuelling inflation. While steps are being taken to address these serious systemic issues, a greater level of effort is needed to reach solutions very quickly if we are to maintain competitiveness.

We are not alone in Ireland with the predicament of an inadequate supply of housing. Recently, the magazine Architectural Record in the United States had this headline which would certainly resonate with Irish people:

“Finding an affordable place to live is becoming an increasingly dire problem for many Americans – from the growing homeless population to middleclass families.”

It seems that there are three key issues to be addressed to unlock the housing shortage, delivery, supply and affordability. On delivery, the country should achieve 18,500 completions this year and 22,000 next year, still short of the target of 35,000 estimated to meet current
and pent up demand, currently projected to be achieved by 2022. On supply, our recent survey of the profession indicated that there are 130,000 dwellings currently underway at various stages by RIAI registered architects.

Affordability is probably the biggest challenge to addressing the housing deficit at the moment. Perhaps the best way the government can invest in affordability is through subsidising the rental or purchase price via mortgage or part ownership with a means-tested sliding scale income qualification up to a prescribed maximum figure. As architects, we should be investigating new models of higher density affordable housing that are designed to a fixed affordable building cost that maximize efficiency, use innovative, cost effective building methodologies and are available to buy as well as rent.

As we come to the end of 2018, with just over three months to the end of March 2019, the projected exit date, no clear outcome to the Brexit negotiations is evident. There are significant implications for architectural education and practice in the mutual recognition of academic and professional qualifications. From contacts between the RIAI and EU representatives, these matters will not be addressed until the exit deal has been finalised. The outcome will probably depend on the exit deal that is reached between the UK and EU. Recent good news is that the European standards organisations have approved a plan for the BSI to remain as a full member post Brexit. This is to be welcomed as it will maintain alignment between EU and UK standards. In the event of a hard Brexit, the potential for disruption to construction sector supply chains remains to be determined and needs to be carefully monitored.

The standout event for Irish architecture in 2018 has been the marvelous success of Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara and their FREESPACE team in curating the 16th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition. As curators, they embraced the challenge put by Biennale President, Signor Paolo Baratta in his observation that:

“The divide between architecture and civil society, caused by the latter’s increasing difficulty in expressing its own needs and finding appropriate answers, has led to dramatic urban developments, whose main feature is the marked absence of public spaces, or the growth of other areas dominated by indifference in the suburbs and peripheries of our cities.”

Using Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara’s manifesto FREESPACE as the reference point for organising the exhibition, the participants, from right around the world, took up the ideals of FREESPACE which are many, but are perhaps encompassed in its opening statement which says:

“FREESPACE describes a generosity of spirit and a sense of humanity at the core of architecture’s agenda, focusing on the quality of space itself.”

Irish architects and the architecture we are creating is currently held in high regard around the world and there is no reason why we should not continue to lead, create and innovate. It was a matter of great pride to see the breadth and quality of all of the exhibits displayed by Irish architects in Venice alongside their peers. In the unclear world post Brexit and with all the other uncertainty, I would encourage Irish architects to consider looking to Europe and beyond as sources of future work because we have a lot to offer as designers, in service we provide and in our attitude.

There is a lack of evidence-based research to support and inform architectural practice and education in Ireland. For example, few, if any, practices here undertake post occupancy evaluation of completed buildings and architects have remarkably little knowledge of how our buildings actually perform environmentally, socially and as healthy places to occupy. The buildings and places we create have real consequences for people and we need to know what these are and take responsibility for them. The RIAI is seeking to initiate an ongoing programme of research, to be commissioned by practices and seeking financial support from the Irish Research Council. It is intended that this research will be shared throughout the profession and it is hoped that this will lead over time to a substantial body of evidence-based research which can be embedded into the day to day work of architects in Ireland. This work has the potential to increase clients’ and society’s trust and confidence in what we do and enhance our leadership in the development sector and we will be looking for initiatives in this area in the coming year.

The prospects for the profession to grow and thrive through 2019 and beyond seem good right now provided the country is not affected by any external economic influence. However, the market is vulnerable to a number of external unknowns - the lack of clarity on the final structure of Brexit, potential impacts of US / China trade tariffs, the possibility of increased interest rates and the impact of any changes on the flow of private investment into the Irish market. Now is the time to be thinking about initiatives all architects can take to be ready for the next turn of the economic cycle, if they can, as preparing from a position of relative strength is for the best.
The RIAI five-year strategy 2018-2022 was adopted by the RIAI Council in December 2017 and launched in January 2018. The strategy aims to strengthen the organisation and to focus the work delivered by our committees, taskforces and executive. The strategy provides clear and agreed objectives, which deliver for members, the public and stakeholders.

The strategy defines the purpose of the RIAI — Driving Excellence in the Built Environment — and has the mission to support members in the practice of architecture through advocacy, collegiality, and life-long learning, and to protect the public through registration and the maintenance of high standards in design and construction in the built environment.

Five-year strategy
The strategy is underpinned by six objectives:

a. To promote architecture as an economic and cultural asset, reflective of society and vital to its sustainability.

b. To promote and maintain viable and rewarding career paths in architecture that reflect the diversity of members with respect to their background, gender, age, employment status, and specialisation.

c. To provide public benefit from members’ unique ability to synthesise complex and competing requirements and to lead in the design, delivery and management of the built environment.

d. To protect the public through the effective administration of the Register of Architects and the maintenance of standards within architectural education.

e. To develop and disseminate the body of knowledge embedded within the profession to policymakers and members in the form of advice, research, knowledge, and experience.

f. To provide leadership to members through a dynamic and responsive executive and organisation.

These core objectives have been instrumental in refocusing our work to create the supports, initiatives and the networks required to enable RIAI members — architects and architectural technologists — in their professional lives.

This Annual Report details the work that has been delivered to progress each of the objectives.

The new focus is timely as Ireland’s strong economic performance is creating significant work channels for members and many new challenges. The impact of the ten-year recession has left a deep mark on the industry, and the requirements to deliver projects in a changed regulatory environment has created pressures on the membership which the RIAI is working to highlight and support.

The launch of Project Ireland 2040 in February 2018 was welcomed by the RIAI as it sets out a clear long-term plan and strategy of investment in the built environment. An element of the implementation plan was the establishment by government of a new task group The Construction Sector Group whose purpose is provide a forum for regular dialogue between the public sector and the private sector on the delivery of Ireland 2040 projects.

As a member of the group, the RIAI is in a position to give a voice to the concerns of our membership and to advocate for the importance of quality in the built environment directly with government. The Construction Sector Group had two meetings in 2018 which were aimed at giving a focus on the scope of its work.
The RIAI have requested that the tracker be enhanced to provide detailed information about when future projects will be tendered to allow the profession plan, and to assist the government in identifying bottlenecks in the delivery of Ireland 2040.

Advocating at national level for our members and the issues that are impacting your work is a key function of the RIAI. To underpin this work, research and policies are being developed and published on a regular basis. In 2018 these included:

- A report on *Housing for an Aging Population* calling on government to bring forward fiscal and planning measures to provide appropriate housing for the changing demographics in Ireland.
- A pre-Budget Submission to government addressing the need for support for innovation in the sector, review of public procurement practices, investment in the public realm and recommendations for tackling housing crisis.

The outcome of the UK’s decision to leave the EU is still unknown and the implication for the Irish economy, for the construction industry, for architects, architectural graduates and students remains unclear. However, throughout 2018, the RIAI brought the concerns of the potential impact of Brexit on RIAI members to the relevant government departments and initiated a new Architects Council of Europe Brexit group to liaise with colleagues in Europe and the UK to ensure as far as possible that architects will continue to have access to practice and study in the UK.

The refurbishment project for No 8 Merrion Square, the headquarters of the RIAI, began in 2018. The project will involve the refurbishment and upgrading of the building to provide improved facilities for members including upgraded IT to enable better communications with all our members. It is intended that the works will protect the building for the next 50 years and importantly ensure that the building reflects that the membership are leaders in design, conservation and construction.

A number of new committees were established in 2018 to reflect the changing work and profile of the membership; these included the Alternative Dispute Resolution Taskforce, the Large Practice Forum and the RIAI Student Committee (Architecture Student Association of Ireland).

Understanding the work of RIAI members is key to delivering the supports and services needed to help achieve their work. Practice visits were initiated for all of the staff at the RIAI where a day was spent in an office meeting with partners, architects, technologists and administrative staff. These were very informative and rewarding days for all of the staff and I would like to express my gratitude to the practices for their generosity and openness. We will be continuing with practice visits on an annual basis.

RIAI Insurances Services Ltd., which was established in 1987, worked to deliver sustainable quality insurance cover for architects and to provide information and guidance on risk mitigation. In 2017, the RIAI directors, with our partner Marsh Ireland, sought to re-structure the entity whilst continuing to provide a quality service. This work was concluded in November 2018 with a Service Level Agreement between the RIAI and Marsh and the initiation of the winding up of RIAI Insurances Services Ltd. I would like to acknowledge my co-directors Brian Kavanagh, who sadly passed away in 2018, and Michael Grace for all of their work and commitment on behalf of the membership.

I am pleased to report that the RIAI finances are in a steady position at the end of 2018; a surplus of €385,736 was generated from the year’s activities. This surplus is required to enable the delivery of services and supports during recession/downturn and to support investment in the development of enhanced registration and member services.

We were pleased to welcome 319 new members to the RIAI in 2018, across all categories.

A highlight of 2018 was the RIAI-led Members’ Study Trip to the Venice Architecture Biennale in late October. For the first time since its inauguration in 1980, the Architecture Biennale was curated by Irish architects, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara of Grafton Architects. They adopted the theme of FREESPACE — a word which describes a generosity of spirit and a sense of humanity at the core of architecture’s agenda. The visit of the RIAI delegation of 200 architects and friends was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievement of Yvonne and Shelley, and to study and enjoy the exhibits of the 65 participating countries.

A change for 2019 is the date of the AGM. The RIAI traditionally held its AGM in September resulting in members reviewing the activities and the accounts nine months after the year end. The AGM will be held on 20 June 2019. We are bringing the AGM forward in order for us to meet our statutory obligations for 2018 during the first half of the year.

I would like to thank the members who volunteer to work for the RIAI whose passion and commitment allows us to deliver the breath and scope of services, research and activities.

On a personal note I would like to express my gratitude to the President, Council, and Board for their support and advice and to the staff of the RIAI for their continued dedication and work. We are looking forward to a very busy 2019 and hope that you will continue to engage with and contribute to the RIAI events and activities.
RIAI Council Members 2018

David Browne President
Clare White First Vice President
Fionnuala May Second Vice President
Dermot Ryan Honorary Secretary
Donal Friel Honorary Treasurer
Carole Pollard Past President

Ordinary Members
Eva Byrne Ordinary Member
Miheal de Siun Ordinary Member
Patrick Gilsenan Ordinary Member
Clare Healy Ordinary Member
Paul Keogh Ordinary Member
Joan MacMahon Ordinary Member
Ciaraan O’Connor Ordinary Member
John O’Mahony Ordinary Member
David Power Ordinary Member
Charlotte Sheridan Ordinary Member
Eleanor Heylin Kelly Council Nominee

Panel Members
Louise Cotter Southern Region
Derek Meenan Northern Region
Lester Naughton Western Region
James O’Donoghue Eastern Region
Peter Hanna Retired Members
Pat Kirwan Architectural Technologist
Eleanor Masterson Employed in Public Sector
Aoife McAttee Architectural Graduates
Claire McManus Under age of 40
Michael Pike Engaged in Teaching
Ronan Savage Employed in Private Sector

Committee Chairs
Shane Santry Head of Board of Architectural Education
Selma Harrington Head of International Affairs Committee
Cathy O’Keeffe-Prunty Head of Architectural Technologists Committee
John Mitchell Head of Practice & Members Services Committee
Liam Tuite Head of Architecture & Public Affairs Committee

Observers
Elaine Hanna Architectural Association of Ireland Representative
Joan McCoy Royal Society of Ulster Architects Observer, Jan–Aug
Paul Crowe Royal Society of Ulster Architects Observer, Sept–Dec

RIAI Board Members 2018

David Browne President
Clare White First Vice President
Fionnuala May Second Vice President
Dermot Ryan Honorary Secretary
Donal Friel Honorary Treasurer
Michael Murray Independent Non-Executive
John O’Mahony Council Nominee
David Power Council Nominee
Derek Tynan Council Nominee
2018 Highlights

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RIAI Gold Medal.

80+
attend the International Women in Architecture Event in RIAI.

10,000+
votes for the RIAI Public Choice Award.

350+
at RIAI Groundbreaker lecture with Odile Decq at the Printworks.

20
awards presented at RIAI Awards 2018 attended by +350 members and guests.

€163,000
raised for the Simon Communities of Ireland.

600+
attend the RIAI Annual Conference.

First
RIAI Member Trip to the Venice Architecture Biennale.

60+
exhibitors at the Architecture and Building Expo/RIAI Annual Conference.

7 million
people reached with RIAI media campaigns in 2018.
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<td>given in Prizes to Students of Architecture and Architectural Technology through 4 RIAI Student Awards Schemes.</td>
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<td>meetings of the Board of RIAI.</td>
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Strategic Objective A

To promote architecture as an economic and cultural asset, reflective of society and vital to its sustainability.
“RIAI architects have a vital role to play when it comes to creating a quality built environment that is inclusive for everyone in society. Recipients of the RIAI Gold Medal are exemplars of the profession, both at home and abroad, and I would like to heartily congratulate both Grafton Architects and O’Donnell + Tuomey Architects on their accomplishments.”
— David Browne, RIAI President
RIAI Gold Medal 2007–2009

Bocconi University in Milan

The RIAI awarded its premier award for architecture — the RIAI Gold Medal for Architecture 2007–2009 — to Grafton Architects for Bocconi University in Milan, Italy. RIAI President David Browne presented the medal to Grafton Architects founders Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara on 20 February 2018. Among the guests in the RIAI was the Italian Ambassador to Ireland, Paolo Serpi. Another finalist in the competition for the RIAI Gold Medal was the Sean O’Casey Community Centre in East Wall, Dublin. Architects O’Donnell + Tuomey received a ‘Highly Commended’ award.

Since 1934, the RIAI has awarded the Gold Medal to a building, either in Ireland or internationally, for a design of exceptional merit by an RIAI architect. The project must be completed within a defined three-year period and the medal is awarded several years after completion so that the success of the building can be confirmed by the passage of time. Since its construction, the winning building, Bocconi University, has been received with wide acclaim and is recognised as a seminal contemporary work, and received the World Building of the Year Award 2008.

Highly Commended
Sean O’Casey Community Centre, Dublin
by O’Donnell + Tuomey Architects

Shortlisted Projects
A House, Dublin by FKL Architects
Alto Vetro Residential Tower, Dublin by Shay Cleary Architects
Cork Civic Offices by ABK Architects
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin, Derry
by O’Donnell + Tuomey Architects
Department of Finance, Dublin by Grafton Architects
The National Opera House, Wexford by Keith Williams Architects with OPW
Elm Park, Dublin by Bucholz McEvoy Architects

The Jury for RIAI Gold Medal 2007-2009 were:
Michael McGarry FRIAI, Alison Brooks RIBA, Louise Cotter FRIAI, Tom Maher MRIAI, Seán O’Laoire FRIAI, Michael Pike, MRIAI, and Simon Wall MRIAI.
Honorary Membership and Fellowships

Honorary Fellowships were presented to Willie Cumming, Jan Gehl, Odile Decq, Paolo Barrata, John Cole and John Worthington, and Honorary Membership to Primrose Wilson.

RIAI Nominations for the EU Mies Award

The RIAI is a national nominator for the EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe. The prize highlights works – of which the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion of Barcelona is a symbol – whose innovative character acts as an orientation and a manifesto. Projects completed between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018 were submitted. At the Council meeting on 7 September, RIAI Council members selected the following five projects for nomination:

- 14 Henrietta Street, Shaffrey Architects (Conservation Award and Special Jury Award, RIAI Architecture Awards 2018)
- National Gallery of Ireland, Refurbishment of Historic Wings, Heneghen Peng architects with conservation architects Blackwood Associates (Culture Award, RIAI Architecture Awards 2018)
- Vaulted House, GKMP Architects (House Award, RIAI Architecture Awards 2018)
- New School in Town, SJK Architects (Education Award, RIAI Architecture Awards 2018)
- Port Centre Precinct, Darmody Architecture (Public Space Award RIAI Architecture Awards 2018)
The winners of the 2018 RIAI Architecture Awards were announced on 8 June at a ceremony in Dublin’s Mansion House, attended by over 350 people. In their 29th year and with 15 categories, this year’s awards included a shortlist of 32 projects, spanning 12 counties across Ireland as well as an international project in India.

The jury chose twenty award winners and gave awards to twelve highly commended and eight commended entries. 2018 saw the highest number of entries to the awards since before the recession and the standard was so high that the jury also selected sixty-three projects for exhibition, which were shown at the RIAI Architecture Centre. Full details and images of the winning projects are available at www.riai.ie.

For the 10th year, members of the public were invited to participate in the RIAI Public Choice award. Over 10,000 votes were cast, and the winning building was No 26 York Street, The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, by Henry J Lyons. In second place was Scoil Phádraig, a primary school in Westport, Co. Mayo by SJK Architects. Third prize went to One Microsoft Place, the tech giant’s Dublin campus in Leopardstown, by RKD Architects. The Awards received considerable media coverage including RTÉ radio and national and regional print media.
Awards Exhibitions

An exhibition of shortlisted projects in the RIAI Architecture 2018 Awards and of the exhibited entries took place in the RIAI Architecture Centre from July to September. The inaugural Kerry Festival of Architecture also showed the exhibition of the shortlisted projects in late September and early October.

RIAI at the Magill Summer School

The RIAI participated for the first time in the Magill Summer School in a session entitled "Infrastructure including Housing is key but will the Planning Framework 2040 be implemented?"

The panellists on the session were Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council; Dr Eoin O’Neill, Associate Professor in Environmental Policy, UCD; Dr Sadhbh O Neill, School of Politics and International Relations UCD and John O’Mahony as the RIAI spokesperson on Housing with moderator Carole Pollard, former President, RIAI.

There was considerable media coverage of the 2018 Magill School and there was a wide range of attendees including politicians, media commentators, educators and policy makers.
Strategic Objective B

To promote and maintain viable and rewarding career paths in architecture that reflect the diversity of members in respect of background, gender, age, employment status, and specialisation.
“The purpose of the Women in Architecture event this evening is to shine a light on the wonderful contribution that women architects make to the profession. It is a resounding endorsement of what women architects achieve every day in practice and a way of recognising the ongoing need to tap into the particular resource that women bring to the profession. What events like this one are aiming to do is underline and emphasise the tangible and measurable benefits of gender balance in the architectural practice.”
— Carole Pollard
RIAI International Women in Architecture Day

RIAI — 17 July

The RIAI marked ‘International Women in Architecture Day’ on 17 July 2018 with an evening event which featured talks on Freemarket, the Irish pavilion at the Venice Biennale, by two of its curators Miriam Delaney, MRIAI and Tara Kennedy, MRIAI. In light of the achievement of Irish architects at Venice, the event had an Italian theme with some Italian-inspired cabaret by Lir Academy graduates Niamh McAllister and Matthew Malone, accompanied by Morgan Cooke.

RIAI Graduate Training Schemes 2018

In 2018 the RIAI/Office of Public Works Graduate Training Scheme continued to operate together with similar schemes in the Department of Education and Skills, Cork City Council, Cork County Council and a new scheme with Mayo County Council. The training schemes are designed for recent graduates who have a recognised qualification in Architecture. Graduates are employed for three years, gaining practical experience to prepare for the UCD Professional Diploma (Architecture) or the TU Dublin Professional Diploma in Architectural Practice (PDAP) leading to eligibility for admission to the Register of Architects.

A recruitment drive took place for RIAI/OPW Graduate Training Scheme in September 2018 resulting in eight appointments and a further recruitment in October 2018 with five appointments. Two graduates were appointed to the Department of Education and Skills (DoES) in December. Mayo County Council joined the scheme in December 2018 recruiting two graduates.
ACE and the Creative Europe Initiative

Through the EU Creative Europe programme, the RIAI is contributing to an ACE project to develop an online service to provide information on the following issues:

- For those seeking traineeship or work opportunities in EU member states
- For those seeking CPD opportunities in EU member states
- Establishment in EU member states (e.g. registration procedures).

RIAI Insurance Services

Since 1987 the RIAI has worked to provide professional indemnity insurance cover to members through RIAI IS Limited. The company was established by the RIAI, jointly run with Marsh Ireland and was governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the RIAI and Marsh Ireland.

The RIAI work in this area aims to give the profession input into the terms and conditions attached to PI policies and to provide information and guidance into risk mitigation and trends to inform the development of RIAI supports and CPD.

RIAI Insurance Services Limited was regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. To comply with the regulatory requirements, administrative support was provided jointly by Marsh and the RIAI.

Over the last three years, the RIAI has been reviewing the purpose and structure of RIAI IS with the aim of identifying the optimum vehicle to support the work. Following proposals to the Council and the Board, it was agreed to wind down RIAI Insurance Services and establish a new Service Level Agreement arrangement with Marsh Ireland. The new structure came into operation in November 2018 and will allow the RIAI representatives to focus on sustainable PI cover for members and to develop new information and education supports.

The RIAI is very grateful to all those who have acted as Directors of RIAI IS and the work that they have done on behalf of the membership. The contribution in recent years of Brian Kavanagh FRIAI, who passed away in 2018 is particularly noted. At the time of winding up, the Directors of RIAI Insurance Services Ltd were Michael Grace, Kathryn Meghen and Breege Lynn (Marsh Ireland).

Five Presidents’ Group

RIAI, RIBA, RSWA, RIAS and RSUA

The architecture profession in the UK is undergoing similar challenges to Ireland, with low fees and cost-focused procurement processes continuing to cause concern. The RIAI President and CEO met with their counterparts. In 2018 the main issue being discussed was procurement; the RSUA reported that it has made progress through engagement with state agencies and that quality is being used as the main criteria for selection. With respect to Brexit, RIBA reported that it has appointed three policy officers to advise on Brexit and they reported that the UK Government’s trade focus is on developing relations with USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and China.

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Strategy Processes in Irish Architectural Practices

The RIAI is providing support to a DIT PhD study researching the strategic business processes being employed by Irish architectural practices. The PhD research is investigating the approach of architects, surveyors and engineers to strategic planning, and the SCSI and ACEI are also providing support to the research.

The first stage of the study was a survey of RIAI practices on their approach to business planning. The outcomes of the research will be issued to members in 2019. The research conclusions will be useful in planning CPD and business supports to members and practices.

BIM Stimulus Campaign

In response to member feedback on planned BIM systems implementation and the government’s digital strategy, the RIAI approached over twenty vendors inviting them to offer specific discounts to RIAI members through the RIAI BIM Stimulus Programme 2018.

The steps of the programme are to respond and sign-up for the BIM Stimulus Programme by completing the RIAI Technical Assessment Enquiry Form, which is then submitted to respective vendors to avail of free hardware, software and training assessment.

The RIAI negotiated with interested vendors to provide free technical assessments to practices wanting to take up the BIM Stimulus Programme, to determine their precise requirements to get started in BIM. The participating Vendors are:

- AKAD
- ArcDox
- Bentley
- Diatec
- Paradigm
- The BIM Collective
- Research Group

Standard of Knowledge, Skill and Competence for RIAI Conservation Accreditation and RIAI Skills Matrix for Conservation Projects

In December 2018 Council ratified the RIAI “Standard of Knowledge, Skill and Competence for Conservation Accreditation” and the RIAI “Skills Matrix for Conservation Projects.”

These two documents are designed to support the stakeholders to RIAI Conservation Accreditation including the public, clients and public bodies. The RIAI “Standard of Knowledge, Skill and Competence for Conservation Accreditation” is designed to provide guidance to RIAI members applying for RIAI Conservation Accreditation. It is the standard against which applications for RIAI Conservation Accreditation will be assessed.

The RIAI “Skills Matrix for Conservation Projects” is intended to assist architects, clients and the general public in understanding the difference levels of skill of RIAI Conservation Accredited Architects and in assigning projects accordingly. The two documents were developed by a Conservation Task Force appointed by Council and comprising RIAI members with Conservation Accreditation and expertise across all three Grade of RIAI Conservation Accreditation and RIAI members with conservation expertise who do not hold RIAI Conservation Accreditation.
RIAI CPD

MyRIAICPD — the RIAI Members’ CPD system — is designed specifically for RIAI members and registrants. The software is designed to streamline and improve members’ and registrants’ experience of recording CPD. MyRIAICPD has been developed as a CPD recording tool and is based on feedback from RIAI members and registrants.

RIAI Courses

In 2018, the RIAI delivered twenty-nine CPD courses as part of the RIAI CPD Programme and covered the following topics:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Raising the Roof on the Valuation of High Net Worth & Listed Buildings
- Housing for Older People – Joint CPD by RIAI & the Housing Agency
- Safety By Design
- RIAI CPD Network Roadshow & RIAI Members Meeting, Cork
- PSDP Course – Project Supervisor Design Process
- How to Carry Out a Site Inspection
- RIAI CPD Network Roadshow & RIAI Members Meeting, Castlebar
- PSDP Refresher
- Fire Safety Considerations for Existing Buildings
- RIAI CPD Network Roadshow & RIAI Members Meeting, Limerick
- How to get your PR campaign started
- Public Procurement

RIAI Online CPD

In 2018 the RIAI significantly expanded its RIAI Online CPD course offering, including the following:

- Housing for Older People – Joint CPD by RIAI & the Housing Agency
- Technical Guidance Documents
- Fire Safety considerations for Existing Buildings
- How to Carry Out a Site Inspection
- RIAI CPD Roadshow: Reflections on BC(A)R Fire Safety CPD
- Business CPD – Developing Sustainable Careers in Architecture

RIAI Conservation Lecture Series 2018

- The Four Courts, Destruction, Restoration & Repair by Fergus McCormick, MRIAI
- Henrietta Street Tenement Museum by Edith Blennerhassett, ARUP
- Arthur Gibney’s The Building Site in Eighteenth Century Ireland by Livia Hurley, MRIAI
- Style and Substance – Architecture in Victorian Ireland by Freddie O’Dwyer, FRIAI
RIAI PSDP Accreditation

In 2018, sixty members successfully completed the RIAI Accredited PSDP Course. This course provides architects and architectural technologists with the knowledge and systems required to assist them in undertaking the role of the PSDP. The intensive and interactive two-day programme was delivered by Paddy McNeill MRIAI, of Scott MacNeill Architects and Cathal Mooney of SBD Safety by Design, in partnership with the RIAI. On successful completion of the two days training and an assessment, architects and architectural technologist members are eligible for RIAI accreditation.

RIAI CPD Network

In 2018 the RIAI further grew the RIAI CPD Network with eighteen new presentations. This brought the total number of RIAI CPD Network presentations listed on the RIAI website to eighty-six. The RIAI CPD network is a partnership between the RIAI and suppliers, manufacturers and service providers, which aims to develop and provide a high quality, relevant presentation for an architectural audience within a designated timeframe. A CPD network presentation provides relevant information to architects and architectural technologists, which is interesting, technical and topical, with clear learning outcomes. CPD network providers are recognised by RIAI members as having achieved the high standard set via panel assessment and an accreditation process.

RIAI CPD Network Roadshow and Members’ Meetings

RIAI CPD Network Roadshows, which are free to attend, see a number of CPD Network members deliver CPD presentations at full-day CPD events in various locations around the country. An RIAI CPD Network presentation provides relevant information, to members, which is interesting, technical and topical, with clear learning outcomes. Each CPD Roadshow also includes a Members’ Meeting with the RIAI President, David Browne and CEO, Kathryn Meghen.
RIAI Student Awards 2018

The awards were open to students of Architecture programmes on the island of Ireland and students of RIAI accredited programmes in Architectural Technology. The entries received highlighted the depth of talent emerging from Ireland’s schools, and all the entries were exhibited at the RIAI Annual Conference 2018. The exhibition demonstrated the full breadth of the diversity of entries to the RIAI Student Awards. The winning and highly commended entries were announced on day two of the RIAI Annual Conference 2018.

RIAI Scott Tallon Walker Student Excellence Award in Architecture

Prize fund €5000

This award is sponsored by Scott Tallon Walker Architects in memory of the firm’s three founding partners, Dr Michael Scott, Dr Ronald Tallon and Robin Walker.

The award aims to promote the study of contemporary architecture, encourage and foster architectural excellence among the student body, encourage and facilitate communications between the schools and provide a basis for growing awareness of architecture in society through exhibitions and publications supported by the RIAI.

This is the third year of the award in its current format. It seeks to recognise and reward excellence in final year architectural studies and create a platform to showcase the work emerging from Irish schools of architecture.

**Winner** — Stephen Gotting (UCD)

**Second Prize** — Christopher Olden (CCAE)

**Highly Commended** — Rachel Tieng Jin Hin (WIT)

**Highly Commended** — Andrew Yeoh (WIT)

**Highly Commended** — Ferdia Kenny (UCD)
The RIAI Student Awards are open to students from all the recognised programmes of architecture in Ireland and RIAI accredited programmes in Architectural Technology and the widespread of participants in 2018 is most welcome. The RIAI wishes to thank the juries, sponsors and schools of architecture and architectural technology for their support in the successful delivery of the awards in 2018.

**RIAI Student Award for Sustainable Design**
Sponsored by Dulux

Prize fund **€2500**

The RIAI Student Award for Sustainable Design, sponsored by Dulux, aims to recognise the awareness and integration of sustainable design principles by students as an inherent part of their design approach to a project or projects regardless of scale or complexity.

Winner — Eoin Carney (DIT)
Highly Commended — Lorena Dondea (DIT)

**RIAI Rising Star in Architectural Technology**
Sponsored by Soprema

Prize fund **€5000**

The RIAI Rising Star Award in Architectural Technology Award, sponsored by Soprema, recognises an individual Third Year student of Architectural Technology who exemplifies academic excellence and dedication to the field of architectural technology in the national context of architectural technologists’ education. Recipients have demonstrated a quality of performance indicating that they are likely to continue to develop into a distinguished member of their profession.

Winner — Cathal Devine (LyIT)
Highly Commended — Fahad Alotaibi (IT Carlow)
Highly Commended — Commended - Nabi Ghnewa (DIT)
RIAI Architecture Ireland Student Writing Prize

Sponsored by Forbo

Prize fund € 2500

The RIAI Architecture Ireland Student Writing Prize offered by the editorial board of Architecture Ireland and the RIAI, with support from Forbo, is open to all students of Architecture and RIAI Accreditation Architectural Technology on the island of Ireland. The objective of the prize is to nurture and recognise the importance of writing in architecture. Students are invited to contribute an article of no more than 1,000 words on a theme of their choice — whether a building or a book, or an architect or a movement. Both contemporary and historic subject matters are considered.

Winner — Poppy Van Dijk (UCD)
Second Place — Ryan Dempsey (DIT)
Third Place — Patrick Brennan (DIT)
Commended — Muireann Dolan (CCAE)
Commended — Emily Jones (UCD)
Commended — Grainne Smith-Muldowney (SAUL)
Commended — David Weldon (CCAE)
Special Mention: Photo Essay — Robert John James Hamilton (DIT)
Special Mention: Technical Essay — Ian Kavanagh (DIT)

Gender: An Architectural Agenda

UCD School of Architecture — 12–20 June

A UCD School of Architecture Student-led exhibition ‘Gender: An Architectural Agenda’ was launched in the RIAI Architecture Centre in June. Guest speakers were Carole Pollard and Prof. Ruth Morrow of Queen’s University Belfast. The event sponsor was Kingscourt Country Manor Bricks.

RIAI Prescription and Accreditation Processes

RIAI Visiting Boards carried out seven accreditation visits during 2018:

- ARAE Architects Register Admission Examination
- UCD BScArchSc (Hons) and MArch
- Cork Centre for Architectural Education BScArch (Hons) and MArch
- IT Sligo BArch (Hons)
- IT Carlow BSc (Ord) Architectural Technology
- DIT BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
- LYIT BSc (Ord) Architectural Technology

'Gender: An Architectural Agenda', UCD
To provide public benefit from members’ unique ability to synthesise complex and competing criteria and to lead in the design, delivery and management of the built environment.
Meetings with Other Architecture Organisations

Initiated by the RIAI in 2017, the second meeting of the Irish Architecture Organisations took place on 19 September 2018. Attending were:

- AAI — Elaine Hanna and Deirdre Spring
- DOCOMOMO — Alexander Kearney
- IAA — Colum O’Riordan and Simon Lincoln
- IAF — Nathalie Weadick and Sile Stewart
- RIAI — Liam Tuite and Sandra O’Connell
- RSUA — Emmet McDonough-Brown joined via Skype

Ongoing actions include the following:

It was agreed to develop October as the annual month to celebrate architecture in Ireland as “ARCHITOBER”. Current architecture events in October include Open House Dublin and Belfast; AAI Lectures; and the RIAI annual conference. The RIAI will consider a public element of the annual conference as part of ARCHITOBER, for example a keynote lecture which will be open to the public.

It was proposed to develop a Joint Events Calendar to avoid clashes and exploration of areas of possible co-operation. IAF have shared an Outlook Calendar into which all organisations can register their events.

It was agreed to continue Joint Promotion of Architectural Activities as this is considered to work well.

It was agreed to expand the group. It was agreed to invite the Irish Georgian Society and PLACE in Belfast to the next meeting in January 2019. Meetings will be held approximately three times per year: January, May and October.
For the 2018 Spring Ideal Home Show (20-22 April), the RIAI partnered with The Irish Times in the Irish Times Home & Design Stage and attracted sizeable audiences. The stage was designed by RIAI member Amanda Bone MRIAI. The talks were co-ordinated by the RIAI Communications team. Eleven RIAI architect members participated in panel discussions and interviews: Darragh Breathnach, Gareth Brennan, Diarmaid Brophy, Eva Byrne, Shane Cotter, Grace Keeley, Darragh Lynch, Róisín Murphy, Carole Ryan, Sally Starbuck and Ghinlon Wang.

**RIAI Architects' Talks**

**Irish Home & Design Stage**

**Ideal Home Show**

**RDS** — 20–22 April

The 2018 RIAI Simon Open Door was the most successful event in the 14-year history of the partnership: €163,000 was raised for the Simon Community. The campaign provides the public with the opportunity of sitting down with an Architect and getting the best advice on building or renovating a home while helping a worthy cause. Almost €887,000 has been raised for the Simon Communities of Ireland by the Irish public and architects with architects giving their time and expertise for free in the last fourteen years.

**RIAI Simon Open Door**

**Nationwide 14–20 May**

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**(l–r) Joanna Kelly, Dermot Bannon & RIAI CEO Kathryn Meghen**
Kerry Festival of Architecture

Kerry — 28-30 September

The inaugural Kerry Festival of Architecture took place in late September. The RIAI featured with an exhibition of Shortlisted Projects from the 2018 RIAI Architecture Awards and a digital exhibition of the exhibited entries. RIAI President David Browne and CEO Kathryn Meghen attended the opening of the Festival.

The Kerry Architecture Festival was organised by Victoria McCarthy, Conservation Officer Kerry County Council and included a one-day symposium, the RIAI Annual Awards Exhibition and a weekend of Open House style events.

The RIAI Tidy Towns Award

In 2018, the RIAI developed a new partnership and award with the Tidy Town Committees. Entrants to the RIAI Tidy Town award were invited to identify particular difficulties in their town or village such as derelict sites, signage, lighting, a lack of quality public space, traffic or parking issues. The RIAI Award provides a Tidy Town Committee with the opportunity to work with an MRIAI Architect for five days to develop new solutions which can create a new vision for their town or village. The 2018 Winner is Enniscorthy and Sean Fogarty, MRIAI was appointed to work with the Tidy Towns Committee in Enniscorthy.

RIAI and Dublin Culture Night

Dublin — 21 September

The RIAI participated again in Dublin Culture Night, which took place on 21 September. On view at the RIAI offices were digital exhibitions of the RIAI Awards 2018 and a guest exhibition from the UCD landscape architecture department in the RIAI Architecture Centre — The Great Willow Weave. The exhibition was curated by landscape architect Sophie von Maltzan. 400 members of the public people visited the RIAI during Culture Night.
Strategic Objective D

To protect the public through the effective administration of the Register of Architects and the maintenance of standards within architectural education.
Section 13 of the Building Control Act 2007 designates the RIAI as the Registration Body and Competent Authority for Architects in Ireland.

**The Register**

On 31 December 2018 there were 2,822 architects registered in the State. This is an increase of 5% over the number of architects registered in the State in 2017.

There were 184 persons registering as architects for the first time in 2018. In 2018 female architects constituted 29% of the register and male architects 71%. 36% of the new registrants were female and 64% were male.

2018 highlights include the following:
- 2822 registered architects in the state;
- Admissions for first time registrants rise for fourth consecutive year in 2018;
- 29 applications received from businesses and practices seeking to carry on business under a name, style or title containing the word architect;
- Review of Professional Conduct Committee rules and procedures completed.
The Registrar and Board of the RIAI are extremely appreciative of the dedication and commitment of the chairs and members of the statutory boards and committee who travel from across the country to carry out their functions in a fair and timely manner all year round. Without them, the registration system could not function.

The Building Control Act provides for the establishment of four statutory boards/committees:

- Professional Conduct Committee
- Admissions Board
- Technical Assessment Board
- Appeals Board

Each statutory board includes a chairperson appointed by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, as well as a majority of non-architect members nominated by the Minister and plus a minority of architect members elected by registered architects. The boards are provided with secretarial and administrative support from the RIAI but are independent in their decision-making.

There were no resignations from any of the statutory boards during 2018. The terms of the statutory boards are due to expire on 10 March 2019. Elections for the architect members of the boards will be held in Q1 2019. Ministerial nominees and appointments are due to be made in March 2019.

The composition of the four Statutory Boards in 2018 was as follows:

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Statutory Boards

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
Office of the Ombudsman

In 2017 the RIAI’s administration of the fitness to practice complaint process was referred to the Ombudsman by a complainant to the PCC. The Office of the Ombudsman wrote to the RIAI on 26 October 2018 confirming that the complaint had been closed with the following recommendations: First, that the RIAI undertakes a review of its procedures and policies regarding the granting of extensions of time and keeping complainants and, second, architects are informed of the progress of their complaints. The Ombudsman also recommended that the RIAI draft a policy on prosecutions in order to provide clarity for both members of the profession and the public.

The existing Guidelines for Prosecutions document was revised by the Registration Body and published on the RIAI website in June 2018. The RIAI had commenced a review of the Rules of the Professional Conduct Committee prior to the recommendations of the Ombudsman. The comments and observations of the Ombudsman were also considered in the review. The revised Rules were adopted by the Registration Body on 20 December 2018.

The principal changes to the Rules include clarifying the periods of time for the exchange of documents; the creation of the position of secretary to the PCC; confirming that an appeal does not lie against an opinion at investigation stage; clarification of the position of mediation in the fitness to practice process; provision of procedures for sanction hearings; and the establishment of a publication policy for sanctions.

Admissions Board

The Admissions Board met monthly, with the exception of August, and considered 247 applications for registration as an architect in 2018. This is an increase of 19% in applications considered by the Admissions Board compared to 2017. 84% of applications were ab initio applicants for registration as an architect in Ireland on an “establishment” (i.e. permanent) basis. 9% of applications were for temporary and occasional registration from architects permanently based elsewhere in the EU/EEA although predominately they are established in the UK. Decisions were also made on applications related to readmission to the register. There was an increase of 45% for admissions via route A1, (prescribed qualifications). Applications via Route D1, (Automatic Recognition), continued to increase as a result of Brexit and it is anticipated that this route will see increased numbers of applicants in 2019. Temporary and occasional registration was steady at twenty-two applications. The number of applications for temporary and occasional registration is expected to fall in 2019 due to Brexit because temporary and occasional registration is only available to EU/EEA nationals who are registered in an EU member state. All twenty-two temporary and occasional registration applications in 2018 were from either persons registered in the UK or from UK nationals.
Registration by Route

The breakdown by registration route of those applying to establish as architects in Ireland in 2018 is:

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**Technical Assessment Board**

The Technical Assessment Board met six times in 2018 and was also a respondent at three hearings of the Appeals Board.

Since its establishment, the Technical Assessment Board has considered thirty-five applications. Twenty-one applicants were found to be eligible for admission to the register. Thirteen of the applicants that were assessed to be ineligible appealed to the Appeals Board. On appeal, six were found to be eligible and seven were found to be ineligible.

**The Professional Conduct Committee**

Since its inception, the PCC has received sixty-two complaints. The Committee has referred ten to inquiry.

In 2018 the PCC received thirteen fitness to practice complaints. The Committee sat on seven occasions in 2018 and considered ten complaints at investigation stage and two at inquiry stage. Of the two complaints that were considered at inquiry, there was one guilty finding. This complaint was heard in June 2018. The decision of the PCC issued in October. Due to the three-month time period allowed for appeals in the Act the sanction hearing for this inquiry cannot be heard until January 2019.

There are currently twelve complaints before the PPC. Four are at inquiry stage; one is at sanction stage and the remainder is at investigation stage.
The Appeals Board

The Appeals Board heard three appeals in 2018. All the appeals related to findings of the Technical Assessment Board relating to eligibility for admission to the register. The Appeals Board allowed one appeal, refused one and partially upheld the third, inviting the appellant to make a fresh application to the Technical Assessment Board.

The Appeals Board did not receive any new appeal applications in 2018 and as of 31 December 2018 there were no appeals waiting to be heard. The Registration Body intends to carry out a review of the Appeals Boards rules in 2019 similar to the review of the PCC rules that was carried out in 2018.

Protection of Title and the CRO

As of 1 December 2015, any person seeking to register a company or business name with the word “architect” with the Companies Registration Office requires a Notice of Determination from the Registrar stating that the applicant meets the criteria set out in the Act for use of the title or word “architect”.

In 2018 there were twenty-nine applications all of which were approved. This compares with thirty-four applications in 2017 and thirty-five applications in 2016.

Protection of the Title Architect

As the registration body for architects, one of the RIAI’s primary objectives is to encourage registration and compliance with the legislation. Section 18 of the Building Control Act provides that the RIAI may bring and prosecute offences in the District Court for misuse of the title “architect.” Prosecution for misuse of title is a last resort and generally is only relied on after the RIAI has contacted the subject of the complaint with guidance on desisting from use of the title or with information about how to apply for admission to the register.

There were eighty-two reports of possible misuse of title made to the RIAI in 2018. Thirty-five of these instances were resolved through dialogue with the RIAI, resulting in the amendment of marketing and communications materials. The RIAI continues to monitor the remainder and no summonses were issued in 2018.
Strategic Objective E

To develop and disseminate the body of knowledge embedded within the profession to policy makers and members in the form of advice, research, knowledge, and experience.
European Year of Heritage Conference

Dublin Castle — 9 March

As part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage, the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DAHG) and the RIAI delivered a conference on 9 March in Dublin Castle entitled “Shaping the Future — Urban Regeneration and Adaptive Reuse — Towards Developing a Culture of Innovation and Design.” RIAI President David Browne opened the conference with a paper detailing the RIAI’s work to promote a quality agenda in urban regeneration.

A report on the conference by Architect Mark Costello, MRIAI features in Architecture Ireland’s issue on adaptive reuse (AI 298).

Academy of Urbanism and RIAI Conference

Cork — 27–30 June

The Academy of Urbanism’s international Congress took place in Cork from 27 to 30 June. Congress events were held in a number of the city’s most celebrated architectural spaces including O’Donnell and Tuomey’s St Angela’s College, Murray O’Laoire’s School of Music, Jack Coughlan’s renewed Nano Nagle Place and the Crawford Gallery.

Minister Simon Coveney addressed the Congress with an outline of a future for Cork. The keynote speaker was Richard Florida who discussed his latest book, “The New Urban Crisis” and provided an insightful analysis of this crisis which has emerged in today’s urbanised knowledge economy. RIAI President David Browne also addressed the Congress and other speakers included Philipp Preuner from HafenCity Hamburg, Immy Kaur, an activist, co-founder of Impact Hub Birmingham and Susana Ruiz Fernandez, Architect Urban Planning Office, Bilbao.

A full report was prepared by Tony Reddy FRIAI in Architecture Ireland (AI 300).
RIAI International Affairs

The key areas of international affairs work are the knowledge exchange, policy input and advocacy through the engagement at international, regional, bilateral, and at inter- and intra-professional levels. This includes the collaboration with the two international organisations: the Architects Council of Europe (ACE), the Union of International Architects (UIA), with the regional Five Presidents Group (Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, UK, Scotland and Wales), with the European Network of Competent Authorities (ENACA) and with the Irish Inter-Professional Association (IIPA).

Given its current importance, Brexit features as a standalone agenda item, and led to meetings of the CEO and other RIAI representatives with government departments, RIBA and RSUA and at meetings in Brussels with the EU Commission, the Irish Government’s Permanent Representatives and other professions. RIAI policy aims to keep the current arrangements governing EU-UK mobility of architects, and governing trade in their services. The international affairs work strives to facilitate the coordination of relevant information among other RIAI work groups, in particular practice, housing, universal access and sustainability.
Priorities in 2018

- Presentation of the RIAI current priority topics at the ACE Pecha Kucha event during the General Assembly on 20th April 2018, by the Chair
- Permanent representation at the ACE Finance Committee and General Coordination Meetings, March and September 2018, by the Chair, Selma Harrigton
- Participation at the ACE General Assemblies in April and November 2018, by the President, the CEO and the Chair
- Participation in ACE International Business Models work group, until mid-2018, by the CEO
- Participation in ENACA work and ACE PQD-PPE-CPD Joint work group meeting in connection with the notifications of diplomas and registration issues regarding the mobility of architects, by the Education Director and other RIAI Staff members
- RIAI contribution to the Ad-hoc Brexit task force coordinated by the ACE, by the IA members
- Liaising with RIAI Housing, Sustainability, Universal Access and Practice work groups, by the IA members
- Communication with ICOMOS Ireland Chair with view to exchange information and align goals

RIAI Members act as Co-Director of UIA’s global Architecture for All Work Programme (AfA WP); Outputs of 2018 Activities have included:
- Drafting a UIA Policy on Accessible and Inclusive Built Environments for adoption by UIA Council
- Co-ordination and chair of working meetings of AfA WP in Region I
- Attendance at UIA Work Programme Director’s co-ordination meeting
- Participation in ISO, CEN and national standardization work relating to Access & Inclusion in the Built Environment and responding to RIAI members queries
- Organisation and facilitation of workshop at Conference on Innovation for All, Oslo
- Contributions to book “Innovating with People” for Norwegian Centre for Design & Architecture
- Publication of case study on French website on sustainable adaptation of heritage sites

Newry Leisure Centre
Co. Down
Kennedy Fitzgerald Architects
Winner: Universal Design RIAI Awards 2018
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On 20 November, the RIAI launched an updated and expanded edition of the RIAI Good Practice Guide. The Good Practice Guide is the key RIAI publication providing guidance to members on running projects and practices. The Good Practice Guide has evolved over recent years and the 6th edition of the guide is the most interactive edition to-date, offering substantial appendices with key documents for download. The online Guide is fully searchable for advice relating to wide range of areas in architectural practice. The Good Practice Guide is supported by KBC Bank.

A key support to the membership is the publication of contracts, agreements and information papers. In 2018 a number of documents were updated:

- The RIAI Client/Architect agreement for Commercial Small Works
- The RIAI Client/Architect agreement for Private Sector Apartments and Estate Housing
- RIAI Practice Notes on the RIAI Articles of Agreement was revised in May 2018
- RIAI survey on hourly rates for Directors and Project Architects hours required to provide an adequate architectural service for DoES
- Work continues on the new RIAI Yellow and Blue forms of building contracts
- RIAI Information Papers were produced for Part M — Sanitary Fittings and Light Switches and NSAI Draft Amendment for Attic Ventilation and the Planning and Development Act 2018.

RIAI made submission on the following topics:

- Draft Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines
- RIAI Submission on the OGP medium term strategy
- RIAI Submission of Public Consultation on Review of Part L and F — Dwellings
- RIAI submission on the public consultation Document ‘Design Standards for New Apartments’
- RIAI pre-Budget Submission 2108
- Public Consultation on DHPLG ‘Bringing Back Homes Manual’
- Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018
Consultation with External Bodies

Consultation with external bodies included the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in the review of S.I. 9 of 2014 and 365 of 2015. Consultation took place with the Conveyancing Committee of the Law Society on conveyancing documentation with regard to S.I. 9 and S.I. 365. Continued consultation is taking place by the RIAI Procurement Group with the Office of Public Procurement.

The RIAI Housing Committee

Topics discussed included:
- Review of the RIAI Housing Policy
- Apartment viability versus affordability
- Land ownership and co-operative housing
- Suburban densification and consolidation
Research was carried out on designing homes for an ageing population. Contribution to the RIAI submission to DHPLG on Height Strategy.

The RIAI Universal Design Task Force

Topics discussed included:
- A CPD seminar with the Housing Agency ‘Housing for Older People’
- Inclusive Sports Facilities
- Innovative Housing for All
- The draft UIA Policy on Accessibility and Inclusiveness
Members participated on a NSAI sub-committee on accessibility, inclusion and universal design.
Members also contributed to RIAI submissions on ‘ Bringing Back Homes’ Manual and the draft Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines.

The RIAI Sustainability Task Force

Topics discussed included the following:
- RIAI STF environmental policy
- Participation in the RIAI Annual Awards 2018 and the Student Award
- NZEB Colloquium — Implications for Design and Delivery of Buildings
- SEAI project to provide CPD on ‘Deep Energy Renovation of Traditional Buildings’
- Input in to RIAI submission on Draft Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines.

The RIAI Building Contracts Committee

RIAI Practice Notes on the RIAI Articles of Agreement was revised in May 2018. The Committee is engaged in ongoing work developing the new 2019 RIAI Yellow and Blue forms of Building Contracts.
The RIAI Urban Design Committee

Topics discussed included:
- Urban Design CPD programme
- UDC Mission statement 2019–2023
- UDC Activities statement 2019
- Championing the additional value of the architect with urban design skills
- Planning for Tidy Towns competition for 2019
- Amendments to the RIAI Town and Village Toolkit
- Vision for Dublin/Dublin in Crisis
- Healthy Ireland Stakeholder Forum on the Built Environment

The Committee made contributions to the RIAI submissions on draft Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines.

The RIAI Historic Building Committee

Topics discussed included:
- Programme for the RIAI Conservation Module (CIM) 2019
- Case studies and site visits
- Conservation officers and conservation architects in the public sector
- UCD planning seminar ‘Democratising Conservation’
- Conservation content in Architecture Ireland
- Conservation matters for Council
- RIAI/Client Architect agreements (Conservation)
- Contribution to RIAI submission to ‘Heritage Ireland 2030’ consultation
- Contributions to RIAI submission on Draft Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines.

The RIAI Procurement Committee

Topics discussed included:
- Office of Government Procurement and their medium term strategy
- Introduction of BIM in the public procurement process
- Withholding tax for single design team appointments
- CPD on Public Procurement and Public Works Contracts and How to apply for Public Works and Offer the Required Service
- Index salaries, hourly rates survey for DoES
- Quality criteria in public procurement
- Proposed consultation with Dublin Airport Authority
- Correspondence with HPRA on procurement.
Strategic Objective F

To provide leadership to members through a dynamic and responsive executive and organisation.
“Architects are driving change, innovation and new thinking to deliver the right housing solutions to meet society’s needs now. This ranges through the core design skills in creative analysis, thinking and communication at the heart of the building design and construction process, through engagement with industry to develop offsite and other systems that can deliver more speedily and through engaging with new tools like BIM to streamline processes.”

— David Browne, RIAI President
‘The RIAI and its organisers should be proud that their event is equal to any architecture conference in the world. It was well organised and had a stunningly designed stage set.’
— Philip Vivian, ArchitectureAU magazine, Australia

RIAI Annual Conference

RDS — 5 & 6 October

The theme of the 2018 RIAI Annual conference set by RIAI President David Browne was “Leadership | Innovation | Creativity as three key skills that define the architectural professional.” An impressive line-up of international and national speakers discussed these themes over two days on 5 to 6 October, in the RDS. The conference was further enhanced by the Architecture + Building Expo which runs alongside it and is a platform for over sixty exhibitors, showcasing product and technology innovation. The stage and conference setting was designed by Amanda Bone MRIAI, who received an award from the Irish Design Institute (IDI) for her 2018 design.

The conference was opened with addresses by Eoghan Murphy, Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and David Browne. Housing innovator Michael Maltzan then led the conference’s first session on housing. Other keynote speakers included Sadie Morgan, a Director of drmm Architects in London and Phillip G. Bernstein from Yale School of Architecture. Day One also included an RIAI Member Forum, with a presentation by RIAI CEO Kathryn Meghen and contributions from the Chairs of the RIAI Committees, and a Brexit Roundtable.

The first keynote speaker on Day Two was Philip Vivian, a Director of Bates Smart Architects in Sydney. Other contributors were architect Russell Curtis, a Director of procurement innovators Project Compass; TCD Professor of Botany and climate change expert Jennifer McElwain; and urban economist Paul Jansen of ARUP. The conference concluded with Shelley McNamara, co-curator of the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale, delivering a talk on the FREESPACE exhibition and sharing insights into global architecture. The RIAI Student Awards were also presented on day two at the Annual conference.

Presentations by keynote speakers were filmed and are made available through the RIAI conference website.

To introduce the sessions, the RIAI commissioned a series of short films, featuring clients of award-winning projects to find out the value, innovation and skills that architects bring to projects. The films were distributed via the RIAI website and the member e-newsletter.

Outhaus were again Premier Conference Sponsors, Cement Manufacturers Ireland sponsored the Student Rate and stage furniture was supplied by Minima.
Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing — Safe as Houses Report

The report issued on 24 January is aimed at developing “the most robust system of building control, ensuring the highest possible standards and the greatest level of consumer protection possible, and accessible, effective remedies when defects do occur.”

The RIAI issued a press release broadly welcoming the report in particular the recommendation for mandatory latent defects insurance. The RIAI statement also raised the need for the following:

• The establishment of clear risk assessment procedures to ensure Building Control compliance for all developments

• Adequate financing for Local Authorities and relevant state agencies to ensure that defective materials do not enter the market e.g. pyrites, blockwork etc.

• The amendment of Compliance Certificates system of certification, on which the public rely, to reflect the responsibility of the various parties.

At the launch of the report, the Committee chair, Maria Bailey TD acknowledged the RIAI’s contribution and information on the issue of Latent Defects Insurance.

Vacant Housing Refurbishment Bill 2017

The RIAI was invited to present its views to a Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on the private members Vacant Housing Refurbishment Bill 2017. The RIAI President and Joe Kennedy FRIAI represented the RIAI. It is significant and welcome that the RIAI is being asked to give its views at Oireachtas committee meetings.

The RIAI Ground Breaker Lecture Series — Inaugural Lecture with Odile Decq

27 November

The inaugural lecture in the new RIAI Groundbreaker series featured the French architect Odile Decq. Over 300 people attended the free lecture in Dublin Castle. Odile Decq also received an Honorary Fellowship from the RIAI on the occasion of her lecture, presented by RIAI President David Browne. The RIAI Groundbreaker series was conceived by Carole Pollard, FRIAI, to recognise Irish and international architects who are pioneers, innovators or have broken new ground in practice.
The RIAI’s members’ trip to FREESPACE, the 2018 Venice Architecture Biennale, curated by Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, took place from 26-29 October. On the occasion of the RIAI members’ visit, RIAI President David Browne presented an Honorary RIAI Membership to Paolo Baratta, President of La Biennale di Venezia, for his “contribution to the quality of architectural design and the built environment through his dedication to La Biennale di Venezia over many years”.

Yvonne Farrell – together with Emmett Scanlon and Ger Carty from the curatorial team – led special tours of FREESPACE in the Arsenale and in the Central Pavilion in the Giardini. RIAI President David Browne, CEO Kathryn Meghen and members were joined by members of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA), giving a total attendance of close to 100 people. Also giving special tours were Orla Murphy, Laurence Lord and Jo Anne Butler from the curatorial team of the Irish Pavilion, Freemarket. The curators provided insights into the challenges and opportunities experienced by Irish market towns, which have suffered economic decline and vacancy in recent decades. The RIAI provided financial support to both FREESPACE and Freemarket. The RIAI were supported on the Members’ Trip by Roadstone. There is further information on FREESPACE in Architecture Ireland’s special issue AI 300.
RIAI Competitions and Designs Reviews

RIAI Competitions have delivered quality buildings for clients and communities and are welcomed for creating opportunities for SME practices and younger members. In 2018, the RIAI launched on behalf of the OPW a competition for an architect-led team for the design of a Commemorative Bridge at the Irish National War Memorial Gardens. The Winner will be announced in May 2019.

RIAI Design Review for Bantry Harbour

The RIAI has developed the Design Review process to provide public and private client bodies with independent, expert and ambitious architectural advice in order to develop a vision for a project or site. Successful Design Reviews to-date have included Kilkenny City, Castlebar Military Barracks, Phizzfest and the Tivoli site owned by the Port of Cork. The RIAI concluded a Design Review for Bantry Harbour with the Port of Cork Company in November 2018. A key objective was to develop ideas for better relationship between the harbour and the town in Bantry. Participating Architects were: Peter Carroll MRIAI, A2 Architects; Louise Cotter MRIAI, Carr Cotter Naessens; and Paul Dillon MRIAI, Paul Dillon Architects.

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Construction Sector Group

The National Development Plan set an objective of establishing a new Construction Sector Group (CSG) to work with Government to provide a platform for improved dialogue between Government and the private sector to identify measures to “assist in enabling the successful delivery of the NDP in a timely fashion and on a value-for-money basis while responding to the needs and advice of the members of CSG”.

The first meeting was held on 31 July and was attended by Robert Watt DPER (Chair), John Shaw (Department of the Taoiseach), Harry Harris (Department of Health), Hubert Loftus (DES), Dave Walsh (DHPLG), Ray O’Leary (DTTAS), Jim Curran (HSE), David O’Brien (OGP), Ger Harvey (OPW), Sarah Ingle (ACEI), David Duffy (BMF), Tom Parlon (CIF), Caroline Spillane (Engineers Ireland), Patricia King (ICTU), Orla Purcell (IPi), Kathryn Meghen (RIAI), Áine Myler (SCSI), Ronnie Downes (DPER), Ed Hearne (DPER), Fionn Jenkinson (DPER), Christina Mohan (DPER), Kevin Daly (Head of the Secretariat for the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs), Tony Donohoe (Chair of the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs), Matt Collins (DCCAE).

New Large Practice Forum

A new Large Practice Forum has been established with the following objectives:
- To improve communications between the RIAI and the larger practices and to identify specific supports or services.
- To identify areas where the combined influence of the larger practices can be harnessed to improve the standing of the profession and to promote its’ contribution in addressing the challenges the country faces.

New Architecture Students Association of Ireland

In September 2018 the RIAI brought representatives of the Architecture Student Societies in each of the Schools of Architecture on the Island of Ireland together to form the Architecture Student Association of Ireland (ASAI). With student representation from each architecture college in Ireland, the Association aims to create a student network and as a result connect each separate body to form a cohesive whole. The ASAI will act as a bridge between the student body and the world of professional practise as well as a touchstone and distributor of information regarding all things architecture in Ireland for current and potential students. There was a great turn out of students from all schools of architecture at the first ASAI mixer event at the RIAI on 13 October 2018, supported by the RIAI. On display was the RIAI Student Awards Exhibition 2018. The RIAI looks forward to welcoming the ASAI and new student members to many more events in the RIAI.

Dispute Resolution Taskgroup

A new taskforce was developed with the following objectives:
- To support members who are currently, or seeking, work in the area of arbitration, conciliation and mediation.
- To advise in the development of CPD and guidance to members working in this area.
- To review and advise on criteria for admission to RIAI Arbitrator, Conciliator and Mediator panels.
- To advise on new legislation and regulation impacting members in this area.
- To assist in the updating of relevant RIAI published documents and guidance.

RIAI Submission

Budget 2019

The RIAI made a detailed submission to Government with recommendations for the Budget. The RIAI submission addressed four areas:
1. Investment in innovation and Brexit proofing, improving public sector capability, review procurement practices and investment in the public realm.
2. Tackling the housing crisis
3. Changes to taxation
4. Improving the delivery of long-term infrastructure pipeline.
Workplace Ireland

Coinciding with the Architecture and Building Expo and the RIAI Annual Conference 2018, the publishers of Architecture Ireland launched a new sister publication: Workplace Ireland: Design Concepts, Products, Knowledge. The magazine is edited by Emma Cullinan, formerly with The Irish Times.

house + design

An important tool in the RIAI communications strategy for its public audience is the RIAI’s annual publication “house + design” magazine. The magazine creates awareness of the importance of working with an architect and of the value which architects bring. In 2018, the RIAI published an annual edition of house + design magazine to coincide with the RIAI Simon Open Door event. The magazine features fourteen architect-designed houses and extensions by RIAI members.

Architecture Ireland

The official journal of the RIAI is Architecture Ireland, published by Architecture Ireland Publishing Ltd. In November 2018, Michael Hayes MRIAI was appointed editor of Architecture Ireland. Michael took over from Sandra O’Connell who edited Architecture Ireland from 2002-2018 (125 issues). Sandra O’Connell has taken on a full time role as Director of Architecture and Communications at the RIAI.

There were six issues of Architecture Ireland published in 2018, including a special issue on the Venice Architecture Biennale (AI 300) with co-editor Shane O’Toole. All issues are available as digital editions.

Publications

1. Housing (Jan/Feb AI 2978)
2. Adaptation and Reuse (March/April AI 298)
3. Into the West - Architecture on the Wild Atlantic Way (May/June AI 299)
4. FREESPACE, special issue on the Venice Architecture Biennale (July/Aug AI 300)
5. Public, Culture and Community (Sep/Oct AI 301)
6. New Work (Nov/Dec AI 302)
RIAI Practice Survey 2018

The RIAI Practice Survey 2018 was carried out to gather the opinions of practices in the construction economy and to understand the challenge that practice anticipated for 2019. It explored topics such as recruitment in the profession, service areas, public and private work, Brexit, technical services and activity levels. The current level of activity in the profession is reflected in survey findings, with 130,000 housing units in the design, planning or development phase at the time of the survey.

From the survey, the outlook for people working in the profession in 2019 is positive:

- Over a third of Irish architecture practices (34%) expect to take on more architects in the next 12 months, while 36% expect they’ll employ more architectural technologists in the coming year.
- More than two thirds of practices (68%) predict a change in salary levels in the coming 12 months, with the vast majority of those (96%) expecting salaries will increase.

New Members Presentation Ceremony

266 new Members were admitted to RIAI membership during the period April 2017 to April 2018 and the Presentation of RIAI Membership Certificates took place in the Pepper Canister Church on Monday 21 May 2018. In addition, 69 certificates were presented to architects who have been awarded Fellowship.

Members Meeting in Cork

To coincide with the CPD Network Roadshow in Cork RIAI President, David Browne and CEO gave presentations to members updating them on current priorities and objectives. The presentations were followed by discussion with planning and procurement being issues of concern to the members. There was positive feedback on the work that the RIAI is doing to promote the profession.

Members Meeting in Castlebar

To coincide with the CPD Network Roadshow in Cork RIAI President and CEO Kathryn Meghen gave presentations to the members updating them on current priorities and objectives of the RIAI. The presentations were followed by an open discussion with the profile of the registered architect and fees being issues of concern to the members.

RIA Staff Visits to Practices

To help improve the RIAI staff’s understanding of the work and challenges faced by members, all RIAI staff spent time with an RIAI practice in late 2017 and 2018.

The RIAI would like to thank all of the practices which facilitated staff members. The effort and time that was given is very much appreciated. The feedback from the staff has been excellent and it is an initiative that will be carried out on an annual basis.
RIAI Communications

RIAI Communications supports all of the RIAI Objectives (A-F) and the RIAI Strategy 2018–2022. The RIAI Communications Plan for 2018 included:

- Scheduled member, practice and public e-newsletter and daily RIAI website updates
- Special campaigns for RIAI events, news and press releases
- Co-ordinated social media plan including Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In. Together with the RIAI journal Architecture Ireland, the RIAI have a combined social media following of over 20,000 people.

The RIAI circulated 97 e-newsletters in total to members, practices, students and the public list during 2018. In 2018, the RIAI recorded a strong growth in social media:

- 2,605 Facebook followers (up 13% from 2017)
- 7,286 Twitter followers (up 32% from 2017)
- 2,398 LinkedIn followers.

In 2018 the redevelopment of the RIAI website reached an important stage with the development of new Online Design Guidelines and the design of a suite of RIAI website pages, which was approved by RIAI Council.
RIAI Media Relations & Positioning

RIAI Campaigns

The RIAI received substantial media coverage on its member and public events in 2018. With the three media campaigns for RIAI Simon Open Door; RIAI Irish Architecture Awards and RIAI Annual Conference, the RIAI reached a combined audience of over 7 million people in 2018.

Other Campaign highlights include:

- ‘CAO Application: Are you interested in a career in Architecture?’, 12 January 2018
- RIAI broadly welcomes report of Oireachtas Housing Committee on protection of consumers, 26 January 2018
- UK and Ireland Architecture Presidents Commit to ‘Five Principles’ for the Future of the Profession, 1 October.
- RIAI Launches Statement of Policy on Accessibility, Inclusion and Universal Design 9 February 2018
- Architect building on tradition of ‘being a service to society’, Interview: President of the Royal Institute of the Architects in Ireland David Browne, *The Irish Times*, 23 February 2018
- RIAI Statement on Apartment Guidelines, 15 March 2018
- Architects delivering value with leadership, creativity and innovation, David Browne Interview, *Irish Independent*, 12 April 2018
- RIAI Press Release: CAO Points – demand for architecture and architectural technology courses, 20 August 2018

*Sunday Independent:* The RIAI has an ongoing media partnership with *The Sunday Independent* Property with a regular advice column. This is a great promotional opportunity for RIAI members while raising awareness on Registration.

*Irish Times:* The RIAI worked with RIAI member Declan O’Donnell on his column on house extensions by other RIAI members. This too continues to be a great promotional opportunity for architects and members.

*TV programmes on architecture:* RIAI assisted the production companies for the following TV programmes with research queries: Dermot Bannon’s *UK and Australia Homes* (CoCo TV with Dermot Bannon) and *The Great House Revival* (Animo TV with Hugh Wallace).
Falahoge Studio
Co. Derry
McGarry Moon Architects
Winner: Commercial/Workplace RIAI Awards 2018
Image © McGarry Moon Architects
Financial Report

The RIAI financial strategy is to ensure the funding required is available to support the RIAI mission enabling the delivery of the six core strategy objectives of the 2018–2022 RIAI Strategy while maintaining financial resilience.
Improvements in the RIAI finances continued in 2018:

- The operating surplus (excluding gains from changes in fair value of investment property) improved to €385,736 (2017 €170,934).
- This outcome generated an increase in cash and cash equivalents of €593,075 to a total year end figure of €2,023,937.
- Balance Sheet Net Assets increased to €6,397,453.

Income during the year increased to €4,258,108, with increases in the numbers of architects registering, increases in sponsorship and a very well supported RIAI Annual Conference. The only exception is in Education where income is cyclical due to Conservation Induction Module which is held every two years.

Expenditure for the year was €4,104,786 with operational costs remaining in line with 2017. Increases in expenditure are matched by corresponding increases in revenue.

During 2018 processes were implemented to ensure the RIAI was GDPR compliant for the deadline date of 25 May 2018.

The Institute’s balance sheet remains strong with net assets at 31 December 2018 of €6,397,453. The balance sheet includes the investment property Corrigan House at a valuation of €3,950,000 and cash and current asset investments of €3,611,796. The Institute has no borrowings.

Capital Expenditure was minimal in 2018 €4,197. The net book value of fixed assets at the 31 December 2018 was €126,702.

For 2019 the RIAI focus will be on funding of the renovations to No 8 Merrion Square, the delivery of the new RIAI website and the investment in registration systems and member supports.
Surplus / (Deficit) Excluding Changes in Fair Value of Investment Property €

Income Analysis €M

Net Cash Generation €
# Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

For the financial year ended 31 December 2018

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board:

**James O’Donoghue**  
Director

**John O’Mahony**  
Director

Date: 26 April 2019
### Statement of Changes in Equity

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14 Henrietta Street
Shaffrey Architects
Winner: Conservation & Restoration, Special Jury Award RIAI Awards 2018
Image © Paul Tierney
RIAI VISITING BOARD MEMBERS 2018

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• Eddie Conroy FRIAI (Convenor)
• Eleanor Heylin Kelly FRIAI (RIAI APA)
• Simon Keogh MRIAI
• Jim Murphy FRIAI
• Grainne Shaffrey MRIAI

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Carole Pollard FRAI
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Anthony Reddy FRAI
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Peter Twamley FRAI

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Ann Cuffe Fitzgerald FRAI
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Advocacy for Architecture

As well as RIAI Committees and Work Groups, members provided a voice and advocacy for architecture in a wide range of areas, including nationally, at EU level and internationally.

Architecture, Urbanism and Design
- Irish Architecture Archive
- Irish Architecture Foundation
- DHPLG / RIAI Sustainable Communities and Housing Committee
- Government Policy on Architecture
- Irish Green Building Council
- National Design Forum

Industry and Professional
- Construction Industry Council
- Construction Advisory Committee
- Construction Safety Partnership
- Construction Industry Standards Committee
- Irish Agreement Board
- Irish Commercial Mediation Association
- Inter-Professional Group
- Liaison Committee of the Construction Industry
- RIAI Insurances Limited
- Timber Consultative Committee
- Construction Industry Technology Alliance
- Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA)
- Construction Sector Group

Registration
- Registration Forum
- Fitness to Practice Forum

EU
- Architects Council of Europe Work Groups
  - Cost Information Systems
  - Environment and Sustainable Architecture
  - Procurement
  - Professional Experience
  - Trade in Services
  - Finance
  - Regulatory Questions and Issues
  - Professional Qualifications Directive
  - European Network of Architectural Competent Authorities (ENACA)

International
- International Union of Architects (UIA)
- Architecture for ALL/Accessibility (UIA)
- Work Programme for Heritage (UIA)
- International Council for Monuments and Sites
- The Edinburgh Group

RIAI Regional Groups
- London Group
- Easter Region
- Limerick Forum
- Dublin Forum
- Southern Forum
- Western Region
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As at 31 December 2018

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Finance Director
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As at 31 December 2018

Council of 31
President, 2 Vice-presidents
Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer
Past-president (1 year)
10 Members
4 Regional Representatives
1 Architectural Technologist
1 Student, 1 Academic
1 Private Sector Employee, 1 Member under 40,
1 Public Sector Employee
5 Committee Chairs
AAI & RSUA Observers

Board of Directors of 9
President, 2 Vice-presidents
Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer
3 Members appointed by Council
1 Non-member appointed by Council

Statutory Boards
Technical Assessment Board
Admissions Board
Professional Conduct Committee
Appeals Board

Committees
Practice & Member Services
Architectural Education
Architectural Technology
International Affairs
Architecture & Public Affairs
Finance

Strategy
Policy

Registration
Committee

To protect the public through Registration and the maintenance of standards of design and construction in the built environment.

To support members in the practice of architecture through advocacy, collegiality, and life-long learning.

REGISTRATION
POLICY & COMMUNICATION
Mission