



Architects open door

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THE Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Simon Communities of Ireland have launched the fifth annual nationwide Simon Open Door campaign. On Saturday, March 7, in exchange for a €75 donation to Simon, members of the public will get an opportunity to have a one-hour consultation with an RIAI architect.

Hundreds of RIAI members are participating throughout the country and members of the public can book a slot with their chosen architect via www.simonopendoor.ie.

Paul Conway of Leahy & Conway Architects is one of the participating architects in County Clare.

Paul said, "It is a great way to meet people who would not normally consider working with an architect.

"Secondly, I cannot imagine not having a place to call home and the Simon Open Door Day is a great way to give something back to those less fortunate."

Lourdes O'Donohue is another participating architect, based in Ennis town.

Go to www.simon.ie to find out how you, too, can get involved with helping homeless people all over Ireland.