



Architects supporting the Simon Community

Donegal Architects will be opening their doors and giving their time freely to raise money for the Simon Community when the annual RIAI Simon Open Door Weekend takes place in May.

2011 will be the seventh year that the Simon Communities of Ireland has been in partnership with the RIAI. Over the course of this wonderful partnership almost €235,000 has been raised for the Simon Communities of Ireland through the RIAI Simon Open Door initiative. Every single cent raised goes towards the work of the Simon Communities of Ireland.

This year the weekend will take place over Saturday and Sunday, May 7th & 8th and people can book a one hour consultation with a local RIAI Registered Architect of their choice in return for a €50 donation to the Simon Communities in Ireland.

The Simon Open Door Weekend provides people with an opportunity to change the way they look at their home and see if they are using their smartest and greenest way. Improving the energy efficiency of a home does not have to be costly and the Simon Open Door architects will be giving advice on small improvements that can deliver a big difference in terms of energy usage and costs.

All architects give their time for free and every cent raised goes directly to the charity.

Participating architect in Donegal Town, Declan McCabe, who will be providing his time & advice for the 5th consecutive year, says that the event is growing annually.

'During your hour long consultation, you can explore your options - to create more space to suit a growing family, to create more light to improve the ambience of your home, to make your home more energy efficient to live more sustainable and keep down the bills or to explore the feasibility of building on a green field site' says Declan.

To book your consultation log onto www.simonopendoor.ie or contact Declan McCabe directly on 087 6663137.



Mary Lee Rhodes (Simon Communities of Ireland) & Dermot Bannon, Registered Architect & RTE Presenter at the launch of the **RIAI Simon Open Door 2011**.