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Galway architects are to offer expert advice in return for donations to a local homelessness charity, as part of an initiative by the Royal Institute of the Architects in Ireland.

People in Galway can now log on to www.simonopendoor.ie to book a one-hour consultation with the RIAI architect of their choice in return for a €50 donation to the Simon Communities of Ireland. All architects give their time for free and every cent raised goes directly to the charity.

Due to the phenomenal success of the campaign since it was launched in 2004, the Simon Open Door initiative will now span an entire weekend, taking place on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 April.