



# Architects set to fund-raise for the Simon Community

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AN excellent opportunity to improve your home with the advice of professional architects and designers, as well as raise thousands of euros for a very worthy cause has presented itself on our doorstep.

The **Royal Institute of Architects** of Ireland and the Simon Community have joined forces for the annual fund-raising initiative "**RIAI** Simon Open Door".

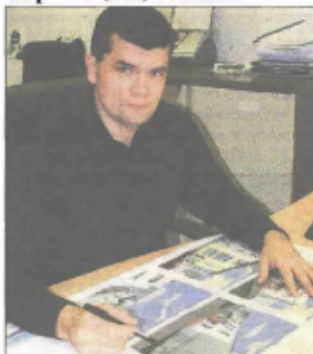
Oliver Daly Architects will open their office at 6 Church Street, Castleisland, on Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8, to give members of the public an hour consultation with an architect in return for €50 donation to the Simon Community. The **RIAI** is the representative body for professionally qualified architects in Ireland.

This is the seventh year that the Simon Communities of Ireland has partnered with the **Royal Institute of the Architects** of Ireland. Over the course of this wonderful partnership almost €250,000 has been raised for the Simon Communities of Ireland.

Oliver Daly, said Simon Open Door is a great way for the public to discuss their project with an architect. You will be able to get professional design ideas which could maximise the potential of your project. Oliver Daly said, "In one hour we can cover design ideas for an extension or a new build, potential costs and gen-

eral planning advice. The consultation could open up innovative and exciting design possibilities or simply reassure people about their existing plans. In order for the public to get the most out of the consultation, it is important that they bring along as much information as possible i.e. existing plans, photographs, ordnance survey maps if available. This event is a great way for the public to get professional help and advise whilst supporting a charity which deals with people who have no home to call their own."

To book a consultation with an **RIAI** architect or if you need more information go to [www.simonopendoor.ie](http://www.simonopendoor.ie) or phone (086) 602 2078.



**RIGHT:** Oliver Daly of the Castleisland-based Oliver Daly Architects who are one of the firms that have joined forces with the Simon Community for the upcoming fund-raiser.