



50 buys time with an architect

A NUMBER of Kerry architects will be offering their expertise for free next month in a bid to raise money for the homeless.

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and the Simon Communities of Ireland recently launched the sixth annual RIAI Simon Open Door Weekend campaign.

People in Kerry can now log on to www.simonopendoor.ie to book a one-hour consultation with the RIAI architect of their choice in Kerry in return for a €50 donation to the Simon Communities of Ireland.

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

The fundraising event will take place on Saturday and Sunday April 24 and 25.

Tralee based architect John Phelan is one of the architects participating in Kerry.

Mr Phelan, who has been an architect for 27 years, has been involved with the Simon Open Door campaign since it began seven years ago.

"It is immensely rewarding for everyone—the architects, the public and the Simon Communities of Ireland," he said.

"The initiative raises much needed funds for the homelessness charity and in turn gives people in Kerry who would not otherwise consider using a professionally trained architect an opportunity to explore the creative world of good design and ideas," John Phelan said.

Other architects participating in the Kerry region are Oliver Daly and Company and Patrick Griffin Architects.