



Architects host open door for Simon

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WOULD you like to receive professional advice on how to improve your home and help raise thousands of euro for a worthy cause?

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Simon Community has again joined forces for the annual fundraising initiative "RIAI Simon Open Door".

Participating RIAI members will open their

offices on Saturday 7 March, to give members of the public an hour's consultation with an architect in return for a donation to Simon of €75.

The RIAI is the representative body for professionally qualified architects in Ireland.

Over the last 4 years, nearly €150,000 has been raised for Simon through this initiative and over 2,000 consultations have been provided to the public. This year the

aim is to raise €50,000 to bring the combined total to €200,000.

Vivian Cummins & Associates Architects based in Levinstown, Athy are participating in the event again this year.

"It's a great opportunity for people to access a properly qualified professional and to understand the skills that an architect can bring to their projects at a reasonable cost. This is even more

important in the current economic and regulatory climate where using an architect can actually save you money and stress. You will also be helping a very worthy cause in a win-win situation", advises Vivian Cummins.

To book a consultation with a RIAI Architect or if you need more information go to www.simonopendoor.ie