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A NUMBER of Kilkenny architects will donate their time and expertise free of charge as part of a scheme to support homelessness next weekend.

In return for a €50 donation to the Simon Community people will receive an hour-long consultation with a certified RIAI Architect who can give architectural, planning, interior design, and any general advice on a range of issues relating to your existing home, proposed new build, proposed extension, or construction project.

2010 will be the sixth year that the Simon Communities of Ireland has been in partnership with the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and over the course of this partnership almost €200,000 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. Participating architects include Bluett O'Donoghue, John Street; Brian Dunlop Architects, No.11 Patrick Street and Gordon Chisholm, Craill House, Ennisnag.

Partner at Bluett O'Donoghue, Mr James O'Donoghue told the *Kilkenny People* that he was delighted to be involved in the initiative. "You get a great insight into architectural services during a one-hour consultation session for a very modest fee which goes entirely to charity.

Often people who wouldn't ordinarily go to an architect take part in this as every cent they donate goes directly to the charity," he said.

For more information or to sign up see www.simonopendoor.ie