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The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) and the Simon Communities of Ireland this week launched the fifth annual nationwide "Simon Open Door" campaign. On Saturday, 7th March, in exchange for a €75 donation to Simon, members of the public will get an opportunity to have a one-hour consultation with an RIAI architect. Hundreds of RIAI members are participating throughout the country and members of the public can book a slot with their chosen architect via www.simonopendoor.ie. "The global economic downturn and rising unemployment rates will force more people into homelessness", said Patrick Burke, CEO of the Simon Communities of Ireland. This year the RIAI and Simon are hoping to raise €50,000 through the campaign, bringing the total raised since 2004 to €200,000. All participating architects are giving their time for free and every cent raised will go directly to the Simon Communities of Ireland.