St. Brigid's Nursery- Second Year Architecture

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Background
St Brigid’s Nursery school is currently located in Mountjoy Square. The second year architecture students explored the possibility of designing a new custom built nursery school on the existing site and a number of new locations in the North East inner city. The sites were chosen in conjunction with Dublin City Council.

Process
The project began with an enthusiastic briefing by the client on what she saw as a future vision for the nursery. She referred the students to current legislation in the field of pre-school care and explained the importance of the nursery to the extended community. The students then spent a day at the existing nursery school to study the daily rhythm of the place and to play with the pre-school children! This formed the basis of the design project which explored the possibility of creating a better environment for the proposed nursery. In addition the students had to examine how to place these new designs sensitively in an urban context.

Resolution
The projects dealt with boundaries, privacy, scale, play, public access and the need for security. These needed to be balanced with the community needs for an architecture that was inviting for the parents and children and also allow for public functions to occur when the pre-school was not in use.

The students completed their designs with guidance from the second year architecture staff and constructive criticism and advice from the client - Sinead Jones of St. Brigid’s Nursery and from architects - Ali Grehan and Kieran Gallagher of Dublin City Council.
Credits

Students of second year architecture


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St. Brigid’s Nursery School

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