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St. Brigid's Nursery- Second Year Architecture

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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.

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.

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 allowed 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.
St Brigid's Nursery
Second Year
Architecture

Credits
Students of second year architecture
David Alten, Alan Altitude, Timothy Bergin, Morgan Boland, Andries Burger, David Burke, Anne Canavan, Fiona Canavan, Peter Carroll, Peter Cawthall, Aisling Cleary, Mirem Connellan, Ashleigh Cunningham, Mark Davy, Stephen Delaney, Kevin Doherty, Michael Drury, Jennifer Duffy, Paul Elcan, Queeni Fenniger, Richard Haskins, Nicholas Hearty, Gai Hughes, Eoin Jacob, David Keegan, Asia Keogh, David Lally, Craig Leavy, Niall Lennon, Robert Mannion, Ross McCarthy, Sophie McCaskey, Cathal McEneny, Darragh McFadden, David McGowan, Sinéad McLaughlin, John Meahon, Kevin Moran, Fiona Muldowney, Grace Mullin, Hugh Neary, Kevin Nolan, Kevin O'Dea, Alan O'Shea, Shane Phelan, Mark Polan, Ciara Ryan, Natalie Scanlon, Alan Sherlock, Colin Smith, Philip Tennyson, Kenneth Tuite, Georgina Vernon, Claire Walsh, Cillian Wright

Community Partner:
St. Brigid’s Nursery School

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Ali Grehan & Kieran Gallagher – Dublin City Council

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