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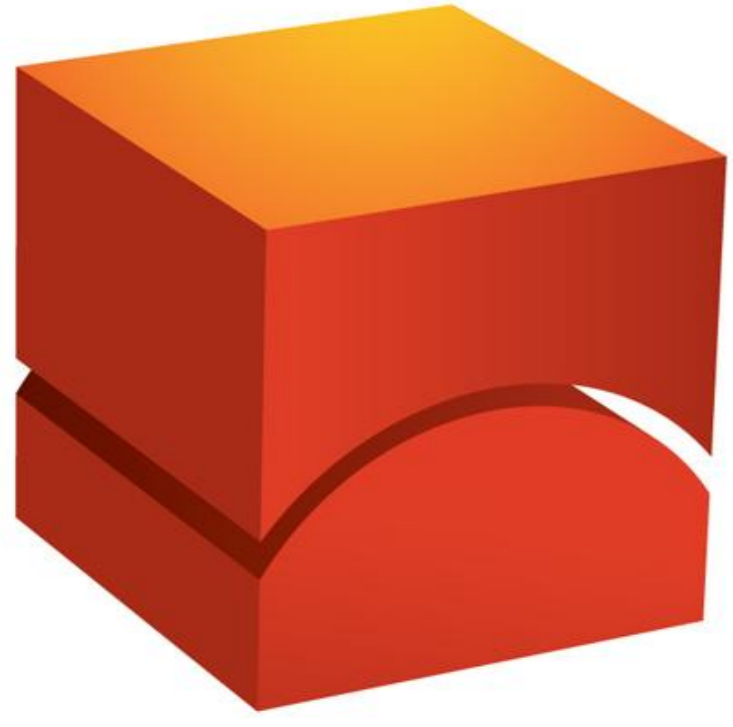


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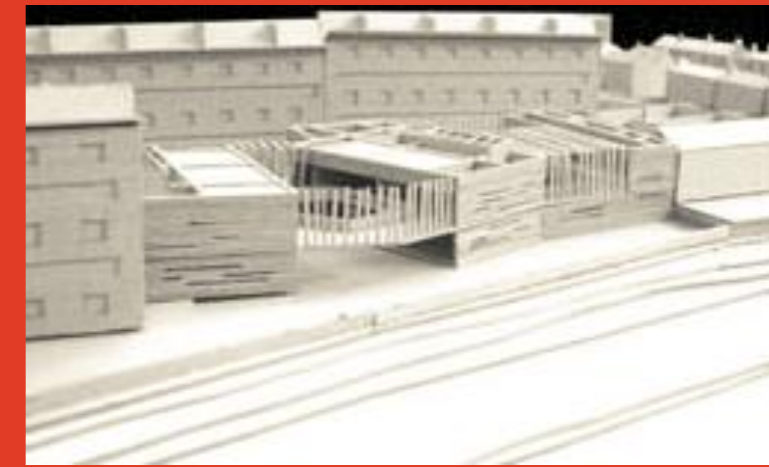


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Background

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.

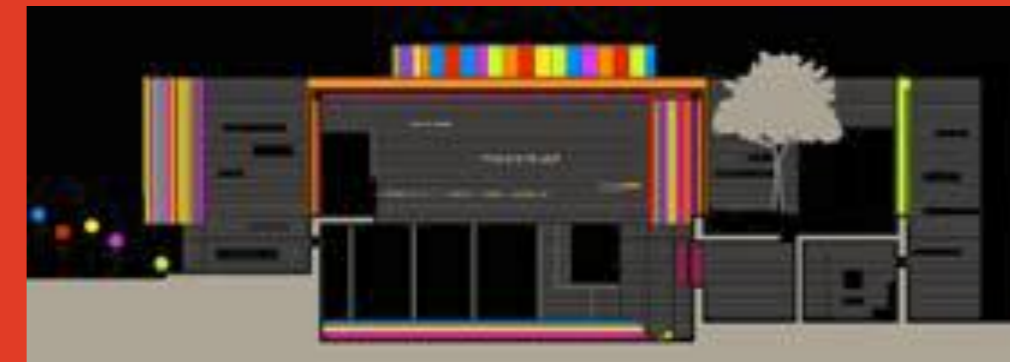
Process

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.

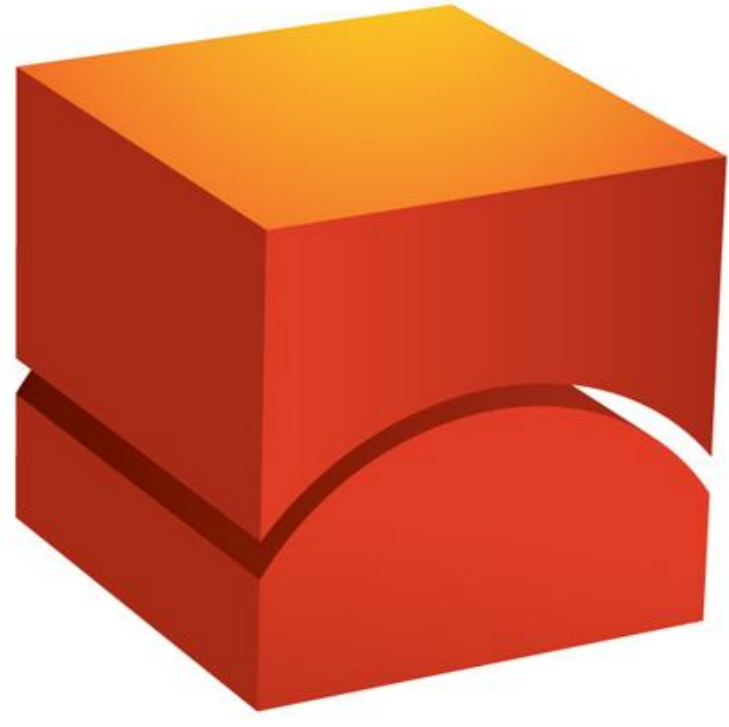
Resolution

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.





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Credits

Students of second year architecture

David Aitken Alan Attride Timothy Bergin Morgan Boland Andries Burger David Burke Anne Canavan Fiona Canavan Peter Carroll Peter Caulfield Aisling Cleary Miriam Corcoran Aoife Cunningham Mark Davy Sinead Delaney Kevin Doherty Michael Drury Jennifer Duffy Paul Egan Caren Finnegan Rachael Haskins Nicholas Hegarty Cian Hughes Oisin Jacob David Keegan Anna Keogh David Lally Craig Leavy Niall Lennon Robert Mannion Ross Mc.Carthy Sophie Mc.Cauley Ruth Mc.Elroy Daniel Mc.Fadden David Mc.Gowan Sinead Mc.Loughlin John Meehan Karen Moreton Fiona Muldowney Grace Mullen Hugh Neary Kevin Nolan Kacie O'Dea Aidan O'Shea Shane Phelan Mark Poland Ciara Ryan Natalie Scanlon Alan Sherlock Colum Smith Philip Tennyson Kenneth Tuite Georgina Vernon Clíodhna Walsh Cillian Wright

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St. Brigid's Nursery School

Advisors:
Sinead Jones St Brigid's Nursery School
Ali Grehan & Kieran Gallagher – Dublin City Council

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