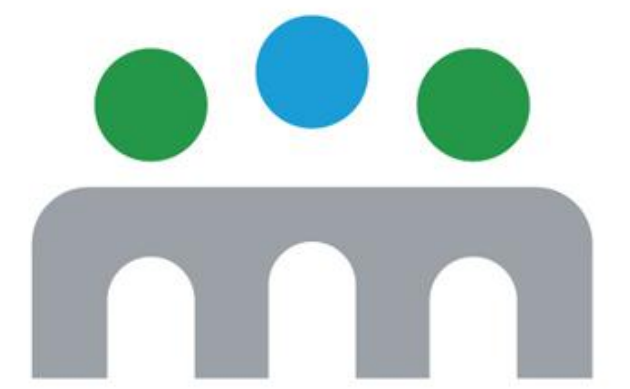




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# Whitefriars Priory & DCC Project with Dublin School of Architecture



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## Collaborative Design Project

The emphasis of the first semester of Year 4 of the Architectural Technology Programme (DT175) is on developing an integrated design project through collaborative working practices. The students work in small groups to develop complex design proposals in response to briefs provided by community partners. The groups engage with a consulting architect who develops the strategy & steers the design development of the project.

In 2014 the students were given the opportunity to work with Dublin City Council and the community groups associated with Whitefriars Priory on Aungier Street to develop proposals for the refurbishment and upgrade of the existing buildings and also develop design concepts for new community facilities on the site.

## Working Together

The priests from Whitefriars Priory and other groups using Carmelite Community Centre met with the students regularly and discussed their needs and aspirations for the buildings on the site. Throughout the design process, good communication between the student groups and the community partners allowed proposals to develop which responded to real needs articulated by the users of the existing buildings.

## Design Proposals

The project ran for a semester and culminated in a presentation back to all the groups involved and representatives from Dublin City Council. The proposals varied from ideas on how to upgrade the existing Priory Building and Community Centre to make it more energy efficient and accessible to suggestions for new buildings providing creche and afterschool facilities on the site.

The community partners benefited from the creation of detailed drawings and models of their buildings and site along with proposals for future projects. The student groups were given the opportunity to explore their ideas on a real site with a real client.

The project was led by Dublin School of Architecture staff Emma Geoghegan, Tim O'Leary, Dave Wright with support from Dublin City Council and the following consulting architectural practices:

Studio Red, Carson & Crushell, Tun Architecture, Robert Bourke Architects.

