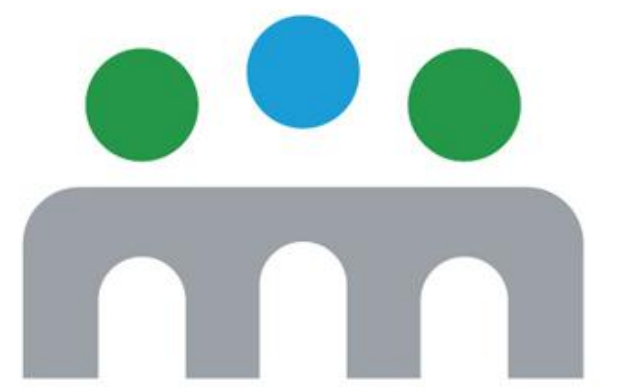




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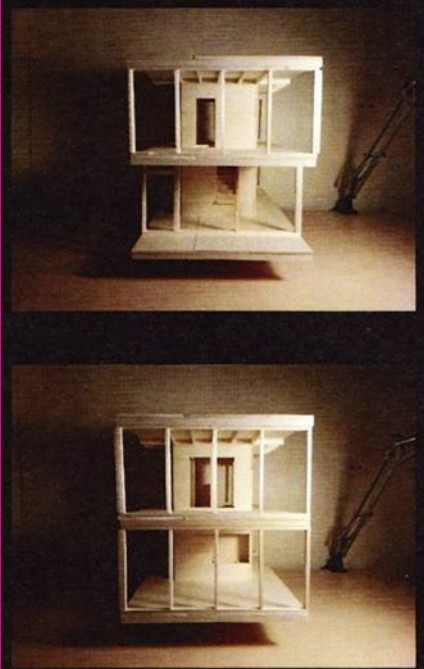
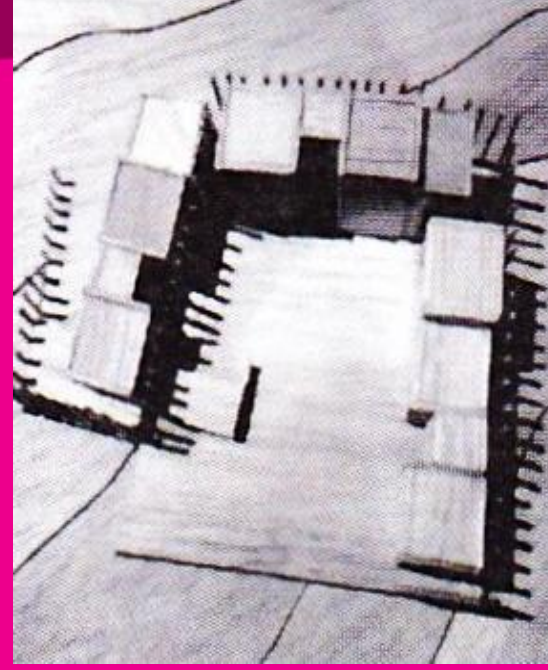
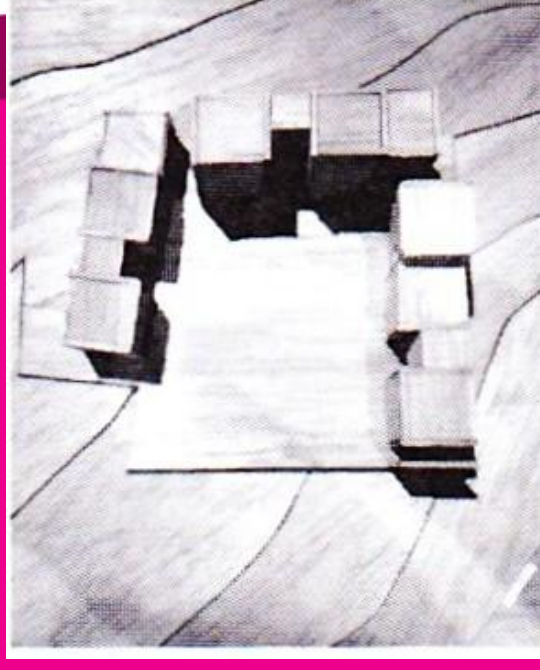
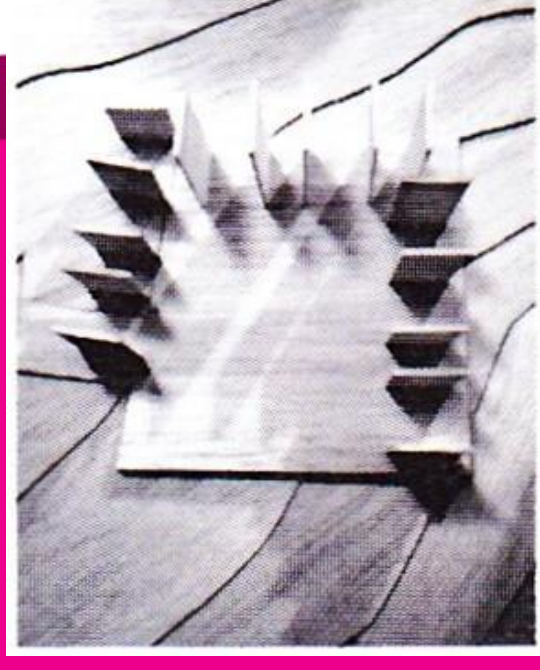
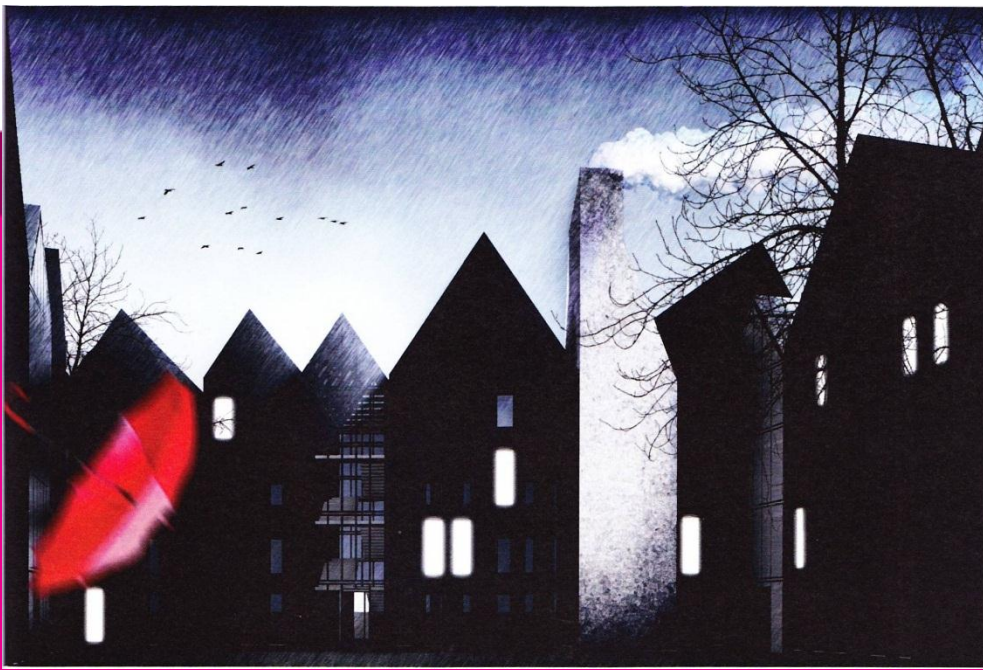


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## How it was organized

Students were required to prepare a design for housing in the inner city.

The students met with a local residents' housing group to study their existing housing and to make proposals for a better type of housing.

The interdisciplinary project ran with fourth year architecture students, third year architectural technology and structural engineering students.

The study brought together design, construction and structural systems in a holistic approach

## Relevant inputs to the project

- Meeting with housing residents associations to discuss housing needs for the future.
- A collaborative workshop for students on all three programmes.
- A lecture and workshop from a leading European designer in the field of sustainable materials and housing design.

## Benefits to the students

The project allowed the students to meet and learn from stakeholders in housing in the inner city.

This real-life scenario provided the opportunity to explore new housing typologies. The emphasis on sustainable design in the project led to an examination of new methods of construction and a detailed study of timber as a structural material for multi-storey buildings.

## Benefits to the community

The local residents' group were part of the discussion group that formulated the design brief. As such they had the opportunity to influence students' learning in DIT, and to have their issues raised and addressed by the students.

## Benefits to DIT

DIT increased its local engagement in the inner city adjacent to the Bolton Street/Linen Hall campus. Links to Dublin City Council were also strengthened as part of this exercise.

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