

News

RIAI launches printed edition of the *Good Practice Guide*

On 23 August, RIAI President David Browne launched the new printed edition of the *Good Practice Guide*, the key RIAI publication providing guidance to members on running projects and practices. The *Good Practice Guide* has evolved over recent years and is primarily an online tool, however, a printed edition is now available from the RIAI Bookshop. The sixth edition of the guide is the most interactive edition to date, offering substantial appendices with key documents used in the practice of architecture for download. The sixth edition also offers a wealth of updated technical information and is fully searchable for advice relating to a wide range of areas in architectural practice.

RIAI Council elected to dedicate this edition to the memory of architect Brian Kavanagh FRIAI who passed away last October. Brian was a member of the RIAI since 1981 and his contribution to the RIAI spanned the thirty-eight years of his membership. He was involved in all aspects of the Institute's work, including as an RIAI Council Member; Director of RIAI Insurance Services; Chair of the Practice Committee (2007-2010); Member of the Liaison Committee; and Chair of the RIAI Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. The *Good Practice Guide* was launched in the presence of Brian Kavanagh's family, friends and colleagues.

RIAI Building/Construction Cost Guidelines 2019

A new consumer guide in relation to building costs has been published by the RIAI to advise on construction costs for domestic and commercial works. The costs shown were researched and obtained from a number of sources, including Registered Architects working in relevant fields, government publications, and associated building professionals. The rates shown are for average build costs only, are representative of typical specifications for each type of project, and do not include VAT, professional fees, levies, planning charges, or inflation. Unique designs or challenging sites would not be within the cost ranges shown. Inflation costs within the construction industry for 2019 are, at present, much greater than general inflation due to ever changing market influences and these must be borne in mind. The RIAI Building/Construction Cost Guidelines can be downloaded from riai.ie.

UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards

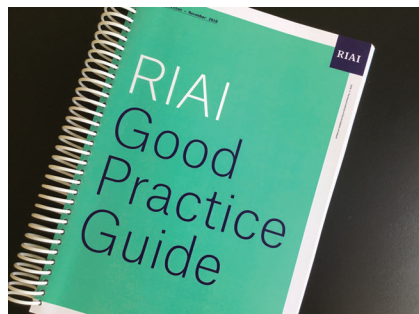
Organised by the UIA Architecture for All Work Programme, the Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards were established to promote inspiring buildings and sites that have created socially sustainable environments through high quality architectural design. A special award will also be given for evidence-based design research that makes

a significant contribution to quality of life through facilitating a better understanding of human-centred design and its application to the built environment.

Eligible projects must have been designed by architect members of a UIA Member Section and been completed after 30 November 2016. The deadline for submission of entries for stage 1 is 30 October 2019. For more information, see uia.awardsplatform.com.

Competition success for O'Donnell + Tuomey in Liverpool

O'Donnell + Tuomey have won a three-stage, invited, international design competition for the University of Liverpool School of Architecture. The project aims to redefine the nature of architectural education, imagining a building respectful of tradition but ambitious enough to anticipate the architecture to come. The school was interested in the pedagogic potential of the competition, and the highly inclusive process involved staff and student's from the outset. The jury, which included Maria Balshaw, Kenneth Frampton (chair), Juhani Pallasmaa, and Michael Wilford, was unanimous in their selection of the winner. See odonnell-tuomey.ie.



Annex to represent Ireland at the Venice Biennale

Annex has been selected to represent Ireland at the 17th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice, Biennale Architettura 2020. Annex is an international research and design collective founded in 2019. The collective is comprised of a team of architects, artists, and urbanists including Sven Anderson, Alan Butler, David Capener, Donal Lally, Clare Lyster, and Fiona McDermott. Annex was selected to present Ireland's national exhibition at the Biennale Architettura next year following an open call by Culture Ireland, in partnership with the Arts Council.

The exhibition, 'Entanglement', which will examine architecture and data assemblages, aims to make the Irish pavilion the catalyst for an important and timely national and international conversation.

The Biennale Architettura will run from 23 May to 29 November 2020, following which the Irish pavilion will tour the country in 2021.