Open House Dublin 2012

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is Open House Dublin 2012?**
Open House Dublin is an Architectural festival where almost 100 buildings of all types and periods will open up their doors to allow citizens and visitors explore the architecture of the city. It is run by the Irish Architecture Foundation (IAF).

2. **When is Open House Dublin taking place?**
Open House Dublin 2012 is on from 5-7 October at various locations in Dublin city centre. This is the 7th year that the festival is taking place.

3. **What is the theme of Open House Dublin?**
Architecture Alive! is the theme of Open House Dublin 2012 and is an exploration of the vitality of Dublin through its architecture, and the people who experience it. This year’s programme champions the idea that architecture can sustain and support many lives. Cities are fluid, they have the capacity to live, grow and develop. Architecture Alive! wants us to think about the impact buildings have on our lives and how they shape the environment and us.

4. **What activities are taking place as part of Open House Dublin?**
- Tours of buildings by architectural experts
- Open House Junior
- Open Space walking, cycling and boat tours to explore the spaces between buildings
- Open Minds – a series of talks, discussions and exhibitions about our built environment on the theme of Architecture Alive!

5. **What is Open House Junior?**
Open House Junior is a series of creative and lively events to enable young participants to play architect for a day.

6. **Do you have to book the tours?**
Only a small number of the tours require pre-booking which opens on Monday 24th September. Some new additions to this year’s programme will be filled by lottery. Registration for lottery opens on Friday September 20th.

7. **How much to do the tours cost?**
All the tours in the programme are free.
8. What are the main highlights of Open House Dublin?
   - Dublin Dental Hospital by McCullough Mulvin Architects
   - Dublin City Council’s award-winning social housing Sean Treacy House by Paul Keogh Architects
   - New Depot at Ballyogan by Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council Architects Department with Bucholz McEvoy Architects.
   - Michael Scott’s 1952 Donnybrook Bus Depot
   - Andy Devane’s 1976 St Fintan’s Church, Sutton

9. What is the photography competition?
The Open House Dublin photography competition is in association with the Irish Times. Members of the public are invited to submit their best photos of Dublin buildings and urban spaces to the Irish Architecture Foundation Flickr site. The theme is Architecture Alive! The public vote daily for the photo of the day which will be featured by the IAF and on the Open House Dublin website. Overall winners, to be selected by a jury and public vote at the end of this year’s Open House Dublin, will receive photography-related prizes.

10. Who will be able to see the photographs?
Anybody who has access to the internet. The photographs will be available on the IAF Flickr site and the Open House Dublin website.

11. Where can I get more information?
The full programme of events will be available free with the Irish Times on Thursday September 20th and also online at www.architecturefoundation.ie/openhouse