



‘Architecture has one source in the attempt to make what is originally a strange and alien environment more our own, to transform space into place, so that instead of being cast into a strange and alien world we are allowed to dwell. ‘

Karsten Harries

Open House Limerick are seeking expressions of interest from architects on the island of Ireland for the design of a pavilion to be installed in Limerick throughout Summer 2022. This is to be a pavilion for the people of Limerick, a truly public space. Of those who respond with expressions of interest six architects or practices will be asked to submit design proposals. One of these six submissions will be chosen by Open House Limerick and ultimately installed in the Ted Russell Park in Limerick city.

Brief

Good architecture should engage the user’s senses and heighten their experience of a place. This pavilion should be a didactic space which members of the public can occupy and experience this transformative effect of architecture. The structure should not exceed an area of 9sqm (including projections/ overhangs) and should be no more than 3m in height.

The winning pavilion will be constructed with the assistance of Open House Limerick with a budget for materials and labour set as €8000 (inc. VAT). Consideration should be given to how the pavilion might be transported and ultimately assembled on site. The choice of materials and embodied energy of the chosen pavilion will be taken into consideration. Materials may have had a past use or there may be a future use in mind.

Covid-safe use of the pavilion should also be considered.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be judged by the Open House Limerick committee on the following;

- Design innovation and originality
- Response to the brief
- Feasibility of construction and transportation
- Choice of materials

Submission materials

Stage one – Expressions of Interest

Your CV detailing relevant experience. A 150-word statement detailing your interest in this opportunity. Three examples of built work.

Stage two – Submission by chosen six architects/practices

1no. A1 presentation sheet with plan(s), section(s), elevation(s) and 3D visual(s) in appropriate scale. Key dimensions and proposed construction materials should be clearly noted. A brief description of your proposal should also be included on the presentation sheet.

The six architects or practices chosen to submit design proposals will each be paid €350 for their involvement.

Timeline

- Expression of Interest submission date: 5th September 2021
- Announcement of six chosen architects/practices: 10th of September 2021
- Design Proposal submission date: 22nd of October 2021
- Announcement of chosen pavilion: 30th of October 2021 (Open House Limerick weekend)
- Detailing, tendering and construction of chosen pavilion: November 2021 – May 2022
- Pavilion open to public: June - August 2022

Open House Limerick and the Selection Committee

‘OpenHouse’ has a simple but powerful vision: to showcase outstanding architecture for all to experience, completely free of charge. OpenHouse initiatives invite everyone to explore and debate the value of a well-designed built environment.

OpenHouse Limerick became a member of OpenHouse Worldwide in 2012, a family that has grown to over 40 cities across five continents since it was founded in London in 1992. Each year, the programme of events has continued to grow and evolve, to foster learning and an appreciation and understanding of the value of architectural excellence in our region through showcasing outstanding design. The following members of the Limerick Open House committee will form the selection committee for the pavilion project.

- **Maria Donoghue, OHL Committee 2016-Present (Architect, James Corbett Architects)** . Previously an Architect with Limerick Council & Lecturer at SAUL-much experience of researching and presenting architecture to a broader audience. Many years of experience organising cultural events.
- **Sarah Newell, OHL Committee 2018- Present (Planner, LCCC)**. Advocate for Limerick’s built heritage. Involved in commissioning, in 2016, Sharon Slater’s book on Tait as part of the Percent for Art scheme. Coordinated OHL’s tour of Tait Clothing Factory in 2017.
- **Shane Joyce, OHL Committee 2021 (Project Engineer, Dennany Reidy Associates)**. Has recently graduated from National University Galway in Civil Engineering. Is now undertaking a Master’s degree at Heriot-Watt University, has many contacts within the profession and student body.
- **Ciara McInerney, OHL Committee 2021, (Architect, Stonetown Architects, Director)**. Excellent communications and project management skills. Extensive knowledge of the Limerick architectural network. Member of the RIAI and the Architects Registration Board in the UK.

Conditions

1. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their submissions align with the timelines noted above.
2. Open House Limerick are not required to provide feedback to all those who express interest.
3. All expenses over €350 incurred in developing the design submissions are the responsibility of the designer.
4. There will be no payment of the submission fee until after the design proposals are submitted.

5. Copyright of all six chosen submissions will be assigned to Open House Limerick and will be displayed on the Open House Limerick website and social media.
6. Open House Limerick reserves the right not to select any submission.
7. The successful architect must have an appropriate level of Professional Indemnity insurance in place.
8. All design submissions should comply with relevant Building Regulations.

Queries and submissions to: submissions@openhouSELimerick.ie

