

"SAUL win Architectural Association of Ireland 2nd Year Student Competition 2010"

The brief for this annual Irish intervarsity competition amongst architectural schools in the country set the following challenge:

'In the anticipation of a recovery, it is clear that ideologies that have driven global market economics, consumerism and travel are no longer valid.

In the age where natural resources are 'visibly' strained and the notion of a self regulating population due to limited resources is more evident than ever, where the Dubai effect of addressing the eventual depletion of oil may be outdated even before it goes on line, how can architecture strategically re-position its modus operandi?'

Students were asked to propose the reuse of Dublin port following the port's exodus from city centre. It was to be taken into consideration that the housing market is saturated and will be for some years to come. The proposal was to be infrastructural and hence productive (i.e. not a nice park). How could this area contribute to the sustainable development of Dublin? How could the proximity of the Port Tunnel impact the redevelopment of the area?

The proposals were to factor in the proximity of the Poolbeg Power Plant and the Incinerator at Poolbeg as well as the proximity of the bay and the nature reserve along the Poolbeg Peninsula.

Students were also to consider the implication of the relocation of the port for those workers who have lived in the area, is there a reuse that would provide alternative employment?

Roisin Heneghan, Shih-Fu Peng & John McLaughlin very much enjoyed the judging process, and commented that there was a good degree of variety in all the entries. They were also genuinely impressed with 2nd Year student's ability to engage with a complex brief at such a grand scale, especially given the short amount of time the students had. The School of Architecture at The University of Limerick (SAUL) gained first place, second place, one of two honourable mentions and three exhibited entries.

First Place

Patrick Mooney - School of Architecture University of Limerick

Second Place

Jim Murphy - School of Architecture University of Limerick

Third Place

Sean McGee - Queen's University Belfast

Honourable Mentions (in no particular order):

Jennifer Duffy - Dublin Institute of Technology

Aidan O'Dea - School of Architecture University of Limerick

Selected for Exhibition

Georgina Daly - School of Architecture University of Limerick

Clare O'Callaghan - School of Architecture University of Limerick

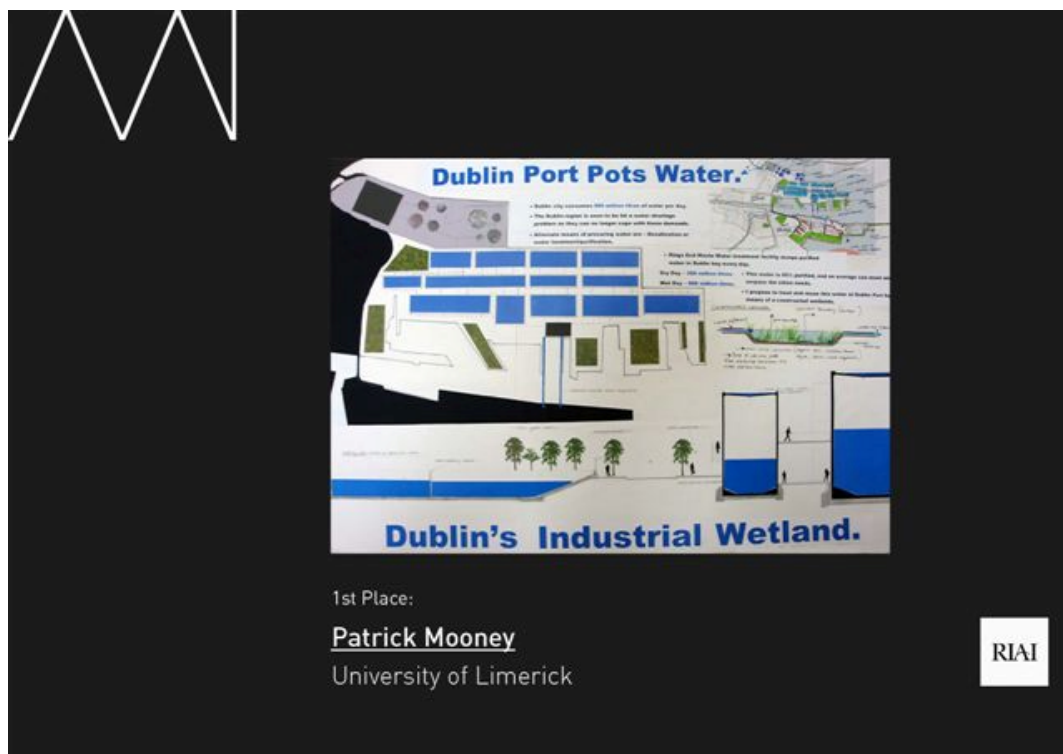
Paul O'Shea - School of Architecture University of Limerick

An exhibition of the competition entries will be held in Dublin and in other venues throughout the country over the coming months.



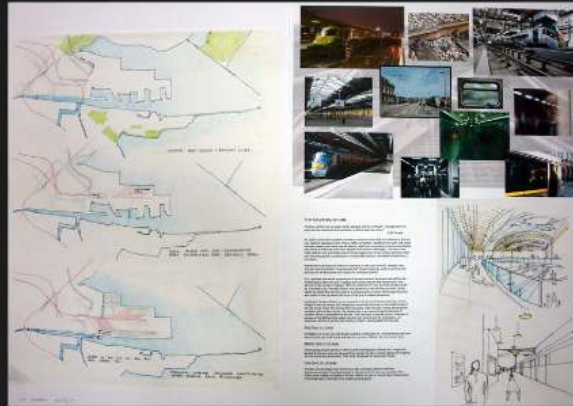
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