



Matt MacDonagh-Dumler

Architect & Director mcné Architects

Originally from Michigan, USA, Matt joined McGarry Ni Éanaigh Architects in 1998 and has extensive experience in building design and execution within the Irish construction industry. He has contributed to and led many projects of national significance such as the Liffey Boardwalk. Matt is the office's contract and construction technical specialist and currently leads his team through design and construction workstages on a number of building projects. Matt has also acted as PSDP on a wide range of projects within the office. He has substantial contract administration experience using RIAI, GDLA, IEI 3rd Edition and the GCCC suite of Public Works Contracts; and has substantial legal experience assisting in claims assessment, drafting of pleadings, critique / analysis of expert reports, witness statements and the discovery process.

EDUCATION

- 2014-2015 Diploma Construction Law Contract Administration Trinity College Dublin
- 1995-1997 Masters Architecture University of Virginia (Charlottesville) USA
- 1991-1995 Bachelors Science in Architecture University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) USA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2001 Member of the RIAI

CAREER HISTORY

- 2015-current McGarry Ni Éanaigh Architects, Director
- 2005-2014 McGarry Ni Éanaigh Architects, Senior Associate
- 2002-2005 McGarry Ni Éanaigh Architects, Associate
- 1998-2002 McGarry Ni Éanaigh Architects, Project Architect
- 1996-1998 William Sherman & Peter Waldman Architects, architect
- 1997-1998 University of Virginia, teaching assistant (construction and design studio)
- 1995 Architecture Farm (design and build firm), intern

LECTURES

- Construction Contracts Act 2013
- Expert Services
- Fundamentals of Public Works Contract

CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 Irish Construction Law Conference
- 2019 Money and Delay Claims in Construction
- 2018 CBA Annual Construction Law Conference
- 2017 Fire Safety in Multi-story Buildings, Apartments, Flat
- 2017 CBA Annual Construction Law Conference
- 2016 Expert Witness Conference: Evidence and Reporting
- 2016 CBA Annual Construction Law Conference
- 2015 Adjudication Society Regional Conference
- 2014 Expert Witness Conference: Overview SJE, Practice, Litigation - Experts
- 2012 RIAI Expert Witness Course
- 2011 BIM Training for Vectorworks

SELECTED WORK

I held a primary role in the projects listed below. The practice working methodology as a studio means that I have been involved in one form or another, as an Associate and Director, in a vast range of the other 200+ projects which the practice has been involved with..

Board of Management St Aidan's CBS	€6m Additional Accommodation Scheme (2021 - current) for north Dublin school in an urban environment adjacent to DCU.
Legal Work - Confidential Public Client (Chief State Solicitor's Office)	Litigation in Irish Commercial Court (2019 - current): Expert services in a large defects case involving thirty-nine buildings and multiple parties. Providing expert opinions on architectural and design team leader professional services, opinions of compliance with Building Regulations and building defects.
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Litigation in Irish Commercial Court (2020 - current): Expert services in a large multi-unit residential development comprising of c. 300+ units. Providing expert opinions on architectural and professional services, defects, opinions on compliance, etc.
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Litigation in Irish Commercial Court (2020 - current): Expert services in a large multi-unit residential development comprising of c. 500+ units. Providing expert opinions on architectural and professional services, defects, opinions on compliance, etc.
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Litigation in High Court: Expert services in a substantial defects case relating to flooring works in a retail premises.
Rutland Street School Dublin City Council	€16m Community Building: Architect and project leader for a substantial refurbishment and redevelopment of a 1910 historic brick and steel frame structure in northeast inner city
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Expert Advice on RIAI Construction Dispute - private residence
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Expert Advice on defects: tiling in leisure facility
Legal Work - Confidential Private Client	Litigation in Irish Commercial Court (2019): Expert services relating to professional practice involving pyrite
Legal Work - Confidential Private Sector Client	Litigation in Irish High Court (2017 - current): Expert services in a complex defects case providing expert opinions on architectural professional services, opinions of compliance with Building Regulations and building defects (water ingress and fire safety) in respect of a multi-unit apartment complex. Opinions also provided on responsibility matrix for multi-party dispute.
Ratoath College ETB	€5m Education Building (2012-current): Project architect for 3,200 sqm extension and refurbishment: working within live site, temporary accommodation and decanting.. Winner 2022 RIAI Awards - Learning Environment
Ratoath College + Dunleer Extension ETB	Advising Client on termination process for Contractor and post-termination completion works contract. Liaison with Surety and Building Control.
Legal Work - Confidential Public Sector Client	Dispute resolution process (2010-2016): Substantial multi-million euro claim and counterclaim in arbitration. Provided witness of fact services and paralegal services assisting solicitor / Counsel with pleadings, counterclaim, discovery and critique / analysis of expert reports. Extensive experience in hearings.
Beech Hill College ETB	€0.7m Roof Refurbishment (2010-2015): Project architect for a 5,500 sqm roof refurbishment using membrane and 're-thinking' of built environment including enhanced u-value performance, colour of built-form.
Schools Bundle 3: Athlone Letterkenny	€18m Education Buildings (2010-2013): Project architect for two large secondary school buildings (9,600 sqm and 4,700 sqm) and complex proj-

BAM Building Ltd	ect leadership through PPP design & build competitive bid procurement process; and architect for the Contractor during construction.
Ballybay Community College	€5m Education Building (2009-2013): Project architect for live campus formation, extension and improvement in a number of phases for two and three-storey second level school including complete refurbishment of sports hall into multi-use community facility. Emergency and completion works contracts by new contractors following termination of contractor (in liquidation).
Cartown National School Board of Management	€0.3k Education Building (2010-2013): Project architect for a 250 sqm extension to a national school building on a live school site.
DIFE King Street	€0.3m Fire Safety Refurbishment (2009-2012): Project architect for a fire safety refurbishment project of a listed 1936 modern building by William Byrne & Sons including design of fire detection system, special exit strategies and compartmentation as negotiated with the Building Control officer.
DIFE Moneymore	€0.8k Education Building (2010-2012): Project architect for a 600 sqm extension to a third level college including a completion works contract with a new contractor following termination of contractor (in liquidation).
Bush Post-primary School	€0.4m Roof Refurbishment (2009-2012): Project architect for a 2,500 sqm roof refurbishment of a secondary school using slate roof tiles.
Legal Work - Confidential Public Sector Client	Dispute resolution process (2010): Multi-million euro dispute in conciliation. Assisting solicitor / Counsel with statement of case and participation in conciliation process and at hearing.
Ballyfermot Leisure and Youth Centre Dublin City Council	€16m Leisure and Youth Buildings (2001-2010): Project architect for sports building centred around 25m pool, indoor sports hall, sports pitches, civic space, youth centre and community crèche. Completion works contract for additional works by new contractor for brief revisions by client.
Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre Private Client	€1.5m Pastoral Centre (2006-2010): Project architect for 500sqm community resource centre including digital media conference and meeting room facilities, youth room, cafe and social area.
Co. Louth Private Client	€0.5m Private Residence (2006-2010): Project architect for a private residence.
Moore Street, Dublin Dublin City Council and Private Client	€5m Urban Infrastructure (2009-2010): Research and sketch design of an external market, precedent markets, stall typology and adaptable re-use of Moore Street including covered canopy. (unbuilt)
Suas Liffey Cable Car Private Client	€8m Urban Infrastructure (2007): Architect working on design of terminal buildings for a cable car project along the Liffey River (unbuilt).
Ferbane Community College BAM Building Ltd	€7m Education Building (2007): Project architect for a 5,600 sqm secondary school working as part of team in a PPP design and built competitive bid process. (unbuilt)
St. Michael Estate Competition McInerney	€30m Community + Housing Competition (2006 - unbuilt): Lead coordinating architects for design team for a developer competition with local authority in competitive bid. Architect designing community buildings, library, youth centre, health offices and apartments as signature building in scheme
Shandon Bridge, Cornmarket Cork Cork City Council	€2m Urban Infrastructure (2003-2006): Project architect for a 35m pedestrian bridge from an international design competition. Bridge form consisted of shallow CHS arches, 100mm dia. tie rods, cast steel primary structure

'hoops' with FSC slip resistant timber decking.

DIFE Moneymore	€4.5m Education Building (2003-2004): Architect during construction for a 3,500 sqm third level educational building.
Liffey Boardwalk Dublin Dublin City Council	€5.5m Urban Infrastructure (1999-2002): Project architect for c. 1km long of pedestrian boardwalk cantilevered off the north quays receiving numerous design awards and adding to the amenity of Dublin. Design, research and construction of prototype in advance of main contract. Design of standardised steel structure to accommodate 'waver' in quay walls in multiple planes together with pre-fabrication of timber decking. Assistance to client with term maintenance contracts for structure including preparation of schedule of rates and tender documentation.
Monaghan Education Centre Department of Education and Science	€2.5m Education Building (1999-2002): Project architect for a third level teacher training building including special acoustic and observation arrangements using one-way glass, library, conference and meeting room facilities.
Inver College	€3.3m Education Building (2000-2001): Architect during construction for a 2,700 sqm extension to a live secondary school building including extensive refurbishment and re-organisation works to the existing school campus.
Colaiste Choilm Board of Management	€3.8m Education Building (1998-2000): Architect during construction for a 3,200 sqm new secondary school building on a live site.

SELECTED AWARDS

McGarry Ní Éanaigh Architects have won over 80 awards in almost 40 years of practice. Below is a selected list of recent awards for the above projects:

Ratoath College Extension	Winner 2022 RIAI Awards – Learning Environment
Dunleer Scoil Ui Mhuiri	Winner 2021 RIAI Awards – Learning Environment Nominated Mies van der Rohe Award 2021
Athlone Community College	RIAI Best Education Award Winner 2015; AAI Special Mention Award 2016; RIAI Best Universal Design - Commended 2015; RIAI Public Choice Shortlisted 2015; Winner best school building project in the IBD Awards 2015; PPP NDFA DoES Competition Winner 2012
Colaiste Ailagh Letterkenny	RIAI Best Education Building 2014; AAI Award 2014; RIAI Best Universal Design - Commended 2014; RIAI Public Choice Shortlisted 2014; Nominated Mies van der Rohe Award 2014; PPP NDFA DoES Competition Winner 2012
Dunshaughlin Pastoral Centre	Nominated Mies van der Rohe Award 2011; AAI Special Mention 2011; OPUS Awards - Highly Commended Award 2010; RIAI Best Public Building - Highly Commended Award 2010; RIAI Public Choice Shortlisted 2010
Ballybay Community College	RIAI Best Education Award - Highly Commended 2013; RIAI Best Universal Design - Commended 2013; RIAI Public Choice Shortlisted 2013
Ballyfermot Leisure and Youth Centre	AAI Special Mention Award 2009; RIAI Best Leisure Building Award Winner 2009; RIAI Public Choice Shortlisted 2009
Liffey Boardwalk	RIAI Award 2001; AAI Award 2002; RIAI Gold Medal Commendation 2005; OPUS award 2005