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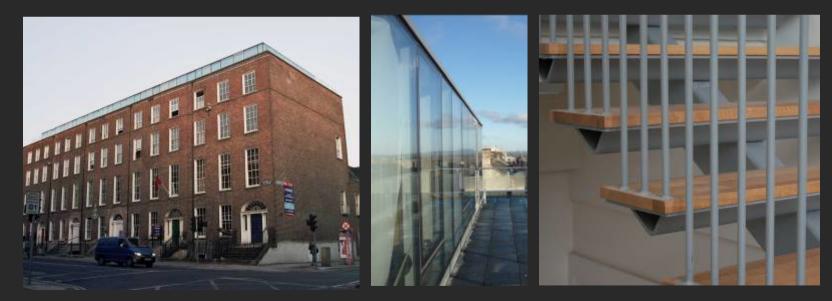
The practice has been involved in and completed a number of interesting projects of various scales during 2008. Though unsuccessful we completed our submission for the Henrietta St. Competition which we were very satisfied with in terms of response to the brief and the making of a new insertion into the existing Georgian fabric. We have also continued our research in certain fields such as the urban progression of the city of Limerick and the examination of the optimum wall construction with respect to energy efficiency, cost and carbon footprint.



Our project 14 Ashbourne Park was published in both Image Interiors (Nov-Dec Issue) and in Plan Magazine (Small Projects Issue).



Scariff Library and Area Offices for Clare County Council opened in early 2008.



Work is ongoing at 80 – 84 O'Connell St. No.'s 80 and 81 have been completed with work to the remainder of the former County Council Offices due for completion in Spring 2009. The project involved the restoration and refurbishment of the existing Georgian buildings with their historical subdivision being reinstated and a new pristine glass roof extension to replace the double pitch roof which had been replaced in the 1970's with a flat roof.







Milford Sports Hall and Community Centre at the Milford School Campus, Castletroy was completed in September 2008 and was published in the December issue of Plan Magazine.



Our proposal for the Henrietta St. Competition was to create a solid end to the street by the choice of material and the mass to void ratio and will be reflective of the gable that would have originally been No. 16. The new building is designed as a contemporary take on the Georgian space that might have been in No. 16 and in some ways is almost the spirit of this building.



We look forward to 2009 and to the progression of a number of projects that we have commenced work on in the coming year and also the possibility of working on new projects with both our existing and new clients.



This year we will once again be making a donation to the Simon Communities of Ireland in lieu of sending Christmas Cards. We wish all our clients, colleagues, friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.