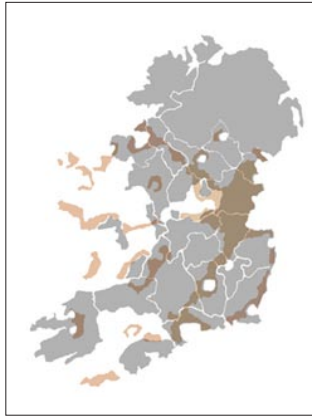


UNBUILDING



6:15 pm
Thursday January 28th

Pearse St Library
Dublin 2

Research for 'Unbuilding' grew initially out of an invitation to speak at SAUL (School of Architecture, University of Limerick) in January 2009. Alan Mee Architects examined the context for thinking about taking away, or 'Unbuilding' some of the development which has taken place inappropriately in Ireland in recent years. The presentation deals with definitions, scale, methodologies of analysis, and the economic context for the proposal.

In the context of the government's proposed NAMA plan for vacant and uncompleted developments, there is increased interest in seeking alternative uses for many locations. Questions are raised regarding the quality of the built environment and how it relates to the landscape in social, cultural and economic ways.

For consideration: the American Institute of Architects concluded that all Detroit's residents could fit comfortably in a fifty square mile area. Detroit city officials are currently accepting proposals for developing much of the remaining ninety square miles. One of the proposals involves converting seventy acres of derelict land into a functioning urban farm.

Directions to lecture location are can be found at www.dublincity.ie/RecreationandCulture/libraries/find_your_library/Pages/pearse_street_library.aspx

ALAN MEE

Alan Mee is invited by the Irish Landscape Institute to open the 2010 Public Lecture Series with a positive yet critical view to responding to a decade of unique opportunity.

Mee is a Founding member of Urban Design Ireland, the Irish forum for communication among urban designers, as well as holding the position of Director of Masters in Urban Design Programme, UCD, since 2004. He is also a member of the DoEHLG Focus Group on "Promoting Quality in the Built Environment." Mee's involvement in Urban Agenda resulted in four walking tours during Open House Dublin 2009.

Alan Mee established Alan Mee Architects in 2002.

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