



Shane O'Toole Commissioner

Inaugural curator/director of the Irish Architecture Foundation, Shane O'Toole was born in Dublin in 1955. He was a founding director of urban design collective Group 91 Architects before joining Tegral, where he has been company architect since 1994. He is a past President of the AAI, was co-founder of Docomomo International at Eindhoven in 1990 and is, since 1999, Irish architecture critic for *The Sunday Times*. He was Ireland's Commissioner for *Metamorph*, the Venice Biennale's 9th International Architecture Exhibition in 2002, and a member of the jury for the Mies van der Rohe Award for European Architecture in 2003. He is a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar. Mr O'Toole won the Grand Prix at the Cracow Architecture Biennale in 1989 for *Collaboration: The Pillar Project*. He was a finalist in the Mies van der Rohe Award in 1996 and was awarded the UIA's Sir Patrick Abercrombie Prize in 2002 for Group 91's redevelopment of Temple Bar, Dublin. He won the AAI's Downes Medal and received a high commendation in the RIAI's Triennial Gold Medal for The Ark (Temple Bar, 1995), Europe's first cultural centre for children, designed with Michael Kelly and Susan Cogan.

Ciarán ÓGaora Deputy Commissioner

Ciarán ÓGaora BDes (VisCom) ANCAD was born in Dublin in 1967 and graduated from the National College of Art and Design with a first class honors degree in Visual Communications in 1991. After working in Rotterdam with Proforma (1992–95) he returned to Ireland to work with Designworks. He became a partner and creative director of the practice in 1997. In 2003 he left Designworks to establish Zero-G. Mr ÓGaora has taught at the Institute of Art, Design & Technology and has lectured at NCAD, DIT and the Royal Academy in The Hague. He is director of design with Touchstone Healthcare Group; a director of the Corn Exchange Theatre Company; and a director of SEEDartscience.

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Abbreviations

AA	The Architectural Association, London
AAI	Architectural Association of Ireland
DIT	Dublin Institute of Technology
QUB	Queen's University Belfast
RIAI	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
TCD	Trinity College Dublin
UCD	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland