

Promising practice

University: Queen's University Belfast

Academic discipline: Architecture

Course title: Street Society

Course description:

Street Society is a week- long Architecture live project where first year undergraduate students work with master's Architecture students in response to requests for help from real clients. Clients are normally NGOs or SMEs. It brings the skills and energies of Architecture students to clients who need them across Northern Ireland and beyond.

Learning outcomes:

Students have the opportunity to reflect on professional practice in an applied context. It also offers first year students an opportunity to spend time with Masters students in the same discipline.

How students' learning is assessed:

The activity in its current form is non-credit bearing, however it is overseen and supervised by academic staff and students are expected to produce quality work. It can also contribute to the 'Report on learning on professional practice' module where it may be assessed in terms of learning outcomes for students.

How students learn with civil society organisations through this course:

Topic areas are set by organisations external to the university, including CSOs. CSOs meet with and brief the students about the topic area they wish to see addressed and provide feedback on the ideas that the students produce.

How students learn about dimensions of RRI through this course

Students are expected to respond to the real life questions of organisations. They are expected to work within the context set by the external organisation in terms of RRI keys, so depending on the nature of the question, they may have to consider eg gender in design.

RRI keys integrated in the course

Public engagement/ societal engagement; Open access; Gender and diversity; Ethics; Science education and outreach from higher education; Sustainability;

RRI process requirements integrated in the course:

Reflexivity; Inclusion; Responsiveness

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