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**TidyTowns Special Awards 2021**

**The RIAI Shopfront Award**

 

 

Top left: *Shopfronts of County Cork, A Design Guide for the Historic Setting*, John Hegarty MRIAI.

Top right: Little Bird Café, Dublin, Fitzpatrick Mays Architects.

Bottom left: Shopfront on Pearse Street, Dublin by Horan Rainsford Architects, Photo Artur Sikora.

Bottom right: No 51 Dawson Street, Dublin, RIAI Award Winner 2020 by PKA Architects.

**About the Award**

The RIAI Shopfront Award is a Special Award, designed to raise awareness and promote good shopfronts in Irish towns and villages. The RIAI Shopfront Collaboration Award aims to support a TidyTowns Committee who wish to provide guidelines for the design of shopfronts in an historic context with the help of a Registered Architect. Well-kept historic shopfronts and well-designed modern shopfronts are equally valid.

**Award Value: €2,000**

The award consists of an architectural commission to the value of €2,000 for guidelines to support shopfronts in your locality. The commission will result in an illustrated Report, which will be made publicly available, and a presentation to the local TidyTowns Committee.

**Who Can Apply**

This competition is open to the Village, Small Towns and Large Towns categories.

**How to Apply**

Please reply by completing this document and returning it electronically or submitting by email to [TidyTowns@drcd.gov.ie](mailto:TidyTowns@drcd.gov.ie), subject line: RIAI Shopfront Award.

In order to apply for the award, the local TidyTowns committee should also submit the following:

**Photographs of the overall façade of two buildings with good shopfronts in your locality.**

Well-kept historic shopfronts and well-designed modern shopfronts are equally valid.

**Closing Date**

The closing date for the RIAI Shopfront Award is 23 July 2021 at 5pm.

**Judging the Award**

All entries will be assessed by an RIAI jury. TidyTowns’ Competition Terms and Conditions apply as appropriate.

**Useful References**

<http://dublincivictrust.ie/conserve-your-building/protected-structure-advice--grants>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/5b269-minister-noonan-minister-martin-and-minister-chambers-collaborate-to-announce-additional-supports-for-irish-language-restoration-works-on-traditional-shopfronts/>

<https://lambstongue.ie/workshop/histories>

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/building/50080269/thomas-street-crane-street-dublin-8-dublin-city>

<https://www.corkcoco.ie/sites/default/files/2020-09/shopfronts-of-county-cork-20.10.17-compressed.pdf>

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| **Application Form for the TidyTowns RIAI Shopfront Award 2021**  Name of TidyTowns or community group Main contact person’s name  Email: Phone No :  TidyTowns Committee  Postal Address: |
| Address of Two Buildings with Good Shopfronts (with supporting photographs): |
| Short statement (one paragraph) by TidyTowns Committee setting out why architectural support is required supported by photographs: |