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Name(s) of community partner(s):
Crosscare

Course Title: BA Hons. Interior Design & Furniture – DT544 – YEAR 1

Date: Semester 2 Academic Year 2013-14

Lecturer: Tracey Dalton

Brief:
Crosscare are food centres that provide a mid-day meal to those who are in need. In the centres approximately 500 meals are provided each day. These centres are located in Dublin and give people an opportunity to have a hot nutritious meal in pleasant and warm surroundings.

The brief was for each student group to present a design proposal for their appointed Crosscare site, producing plans, elevations, 3d visuals, moodboards and sample boards to the Crosscare team.

This involved site visits and survey, Q&A session with client and group communication and collaboration on specifications and division of labour.

Benefits for students:
This was a live project for students which involved collaboration with the Crosscare representative. This involved meetings, taking a brief, surveying, photographing and presenting their finished proposals to their client. It gave the students an indication of how to work with real clients and to give back to the community through creativity. It also gave students an awareness of using budgets in projects.

Benefits for community partner:
The Crosscare team got the opportunity to work with the students throughout the design process, getting to know what is involved in a design brief and benefitting from industry expertise from the lecturer. Crosscare were presented four complete design proposals which can be used on their sites.