

At Coogan & Co, we have built a strong architectural practice on a reputation for results. Our can-do ethos focuses on maximising value for clients: releasing the potential of sites to our commercial clients and providing cost-effective building solutions that work well for our public sector clients. From the practice established by Kevin Coogan in 1984, the company has grown into one of the most successful architectural firms in

#### The Directors

Kevin Coogan founded the practice in 1984 after wide experience in several Northern Ireland firms. He began his career in 1967 as an architectural technician and continued to work through his professional training as an architect. His drive and professionalism has been vital to the growth of the company, which was incorporated in 1999 to include directors Stephen Blaney and David Purdy. Many successful companies are based on top teams with complimentary skills. The directors cover key aspects of building procurement.

Kevin Coogan Bsc DipAAS Dip Proj. Man. RIBA is Managing Director. He is well known for business acumen, project and company leadership, strategic judgement and an ability to add extra value to a building or site.

**Stephen Blaney** Bsc DipAAS RIBA is Design Director. From excelling at University and previous companies, he has developed as the foremost designer in the firm. He leads the design and presentation team, which has produced a large output of high quality schemes. Stephen has been responsible for a large output of housing work in recent years, particularly on difficult urban infill sites.

**David Purdy** HND is Technical Director, with 25 years leading experience in the technical and production management side of the practice. He brings depth of knowledge in building technology and experience of the on-site stage to the board of directors and manages a team of technically orientated architects and technicians, producing tender packages to tight timescales.

Associates

David Henry Bsc Dip AAS RIBA RMaPS is Quality System Manager for the ISO 9001: 2008 Quality Management System and is a CDM Co-ordinator for Health and Safety within the CDM Regulations with registered membership of the Association for Project Safety. He is a senior architect leading a team who has served public sector housing and building management clients.

Paul Doherty HND is the senior technical associate involved in the high output of production information with strong expertise in housing road layout aspects.

## **Planning Consultants**

A Planning Consultancy is established in-house with a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Andrea Kells BA RTPI LLB researches and advises on all planning policy matters which crucially affect planning approvals and carries out a range of other planning work including preparation for Appeals, representations to Area Plans and responses to draft DoE policies.

## **Qualifications of Staff**

Our Quality Management System to ISO 9001 2008 sets minimum standards for all posts including administrative ones.

## **Computing Resources**

We use a network of workstations linked to a server, which enables the storage, virus protection, and back up to a fireproof room of all information. As well as AutoCAD software, many projects benefit from the presentation software and skills of staff that use it. 3D modelling of larger projects allows photo-realistic montages or animated sequences to be created. We produce interactive, multi-media, CD-based and PowerPoint presentations. We make full-colour graphic brochures and presentation displays for clients to sell schemes. We have discovered ways to combine traditional drawing skills with computer enhancement to areat effect.

Project programming, spreadsheet, internet and NBS Specification software are used to harness the great quantities of information, which are part of the modern building process.



01 Reception
 02 Glengall Exchange
 04 Detail Context view
 05 Entrance Detail















#### Office

The practice occupies its own offices at Glengall Exchange, Glengall Street, Belfast. This has proved a very convenient location, with the advantage of car-parking and rapid road links to Greater Belfast and all of Northern Ireland

Coogan & Company built this office building, selling four floors off plan and retaining 3 floors for their own use. Ground floor is the entrance atrium and car parking, first floor reception, meeting and conference rooms and second floor an open plan office. All the Directors work on the open plan office floor.

## **Practice Philosophy**

We understand the quality and economic needs of clients. We visualise what can be and solve problems to attain it. We apply sound judgement throughout a project to the success factors. These may be optimising development, fitting into a neighbourhood, timetable goals, building to a budget or convincing statutory authorities.

## SERVICES

The approach of the practice is to develop key specialisms in house. Therefore we offer Chartered Planning Consultancy, Project Management, CDM Co-ordination, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture.

## **Planning Consultancy**

The talk of the development community is that planning permission has become more difficult to gain. Therefore we nurture applications through the statutory process with pro-active care. Alert to the obstacles, we have proven that good analysis, design, presentation and argument work toward our client's goals.

Allied to the experience of the director team, Andrea Kells BA Dip TP RTPI LLB provides the Chartered Planning Consultancy. The appointment of planning professionals in the practice provides two things: specialist expertise to planning applications and a resource, which offers specialist planning services.

These include the conduct of Appeals, representations and objections to Area Plans for landowners, expert witness work, site development appraisal, policy advice, environmental impact assessments, land use analysis, and planning history search.

## **Building Design**

Our core skill is a powerful combination of technical ability and creative thought. At Coogan & Co the senior team handles each commission through analysis of the brief, sketch design and detailed design. Our design philosophy is that the architects talent should serve the client's objectives, not their own agenda or doctrines. We exert skills to make the most of every project, visually and functionally.



**01** Glazing Detail **02** Seating

03 Double height Foyer
04 Louvre canopy Detail view
05 Context view Glengall Street









Coogan & Co. Architects -Glengall Exchange

## Production Information

We maintain a team under the direction of David Purdy, which produces integrated packages of working drawings and specifications. We project manage the crucial process of co-ordination throughout this stage of both people and information – and drive it along to a programme. We meet the design team weekly to ensure progress. We consider the economics and buildability of the construction package with expertise.

A CAD system and use of the National Building Specification system support the quality of our production information.

#### Project Management

The Managing Director holds Diplomas in Project Management, as evidence of our commitment to this key discipline. The formal qualifications are backed up by project management experience and personal attitude in these and other key staff. We believe that the architect-project manager brings unique understanding skills to the job. Where required by the nature of the project, we can supply a qualified project manager who stands above the process of design, to verse the whole. We also act as Lead Consultant on many projects, appointing and managing the consultant team, where the role of project manager is built into the architectural service.

Refurbishment and Conservation – Including historic and listed buildings and improvement of housing stock.

Building renovation has long been a specialism of Coogan & Co. We have brought new life to listed and historic buildings, improved problem buildings and boosted the value of investment buildings. From housing stock and community buildings to sensitive listed structures, we begin with a study of what is there and work hard to maximise use and value for the client. We apply our accumulated knowledge of many building types and forms of construction to this most practical art of the architect.

# Health and Safety CDM Co-ordination

When the Construction Design and Management regulations were introduced, Coogan & Co realised the importance of providing a service to clients to cover health and safety obligations in building procurement. David Henry is Associate in charge of CDM Co-ordination. He completed training and initially acquired membership of the Association of Planning Supervisors, by examination. This training has been augmented as he is now a Registered member of the Association for Project Safety (APS). He has many years experience in all the duties of the CDM Co-ordinator including the preparation of Pre-construction Health & Safety documentation, covering the majority of all architectural commissions.

A particular body of experience is in schools work where Coogan & Co have provided CDM Co-ordination Services to SEELB. Also our in-house expertise ensures that project architects draw upon advice and training in Health and Safety and CDM Regulations.

## Interior Design

We have provided interior design services in residential, office fit-out, retail and other commercial projects. Stephen Blaney, Design Director, is personally experienced and talented in this intensive design role.





- 01 Double Height Glazed lobby
- 02 Reception
- 03 Double height Foyer
- 04 Street view
- 05 Glengal Exchange Entrance Detail



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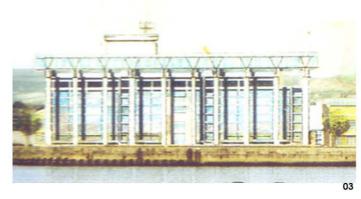
Clarendon Dock

The Prudential Office Building was a competition submission for a land-mark building on one of the prime sites in Clarendon Dock. Large floor plates and a dramatic entrance rotunda, with a monumental elevation to the water.

The site planning set up a succession of public spaces to provide an architecturally sculptured walk through the dock, to design a good building to work in and to walk around.

The Rotunda is a cylindrical reception circulation and entrance to an L shaped office block. The building is entered from the planted formal court, human scale to the dock side, monumental to the water side.

The giant colonnade makes a monumental scale to the walk, an amazing place to walk.













## Clarendon Dock

Coogan & Co. have designed three office buildings in the Clarendon Dock.

Each of the buildings, were large Office developments for private clients.

The Prudential Office Building The Zurich Office Building 50,000 SqFt 30,000 SqFt and the Regus Office Building 40,000 SqFt

- 01 Building Details 02 View of Prudential Building from Titanic Quarter
  03 Dockside Elevation Competition 04 Contextual View Clarendon Dock Harbour

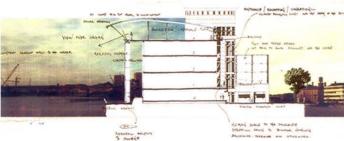








01 Colonnade Detail 02 Building Section - Competition
03 Contextual View - Clarendon Dock Harbour 04 Closeup view 05 Contextual View



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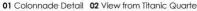
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Each building has its own character but fit together within the master plan.



01 Colonnade Detail 02 View from Titanic Quarter 03 Aerial View - Clarendon Dock Harbour 04 Close up Harbour view 05 Contextual View - Clarendon Dock Harbour







COUNTRY Northern Ireland

A R E A

TYPOLOGY Office Development

**CLIENT** Private



# May Street

Office Development for private client. Small in-fill site with rights of light issues,  $\,$ 





01 Site Photograph - Close up 02 Site Photograph 03 Context Photo 04 Context Photo 05 Site Photograph







COUNTRY Northern Ireland



Office Development, Fountain Street, Belfast. Refurbishment of existing building and the provision of a penthouse office floor in a sensitive location close to the City Hall, Belfast







**02** Site Photograph **04** Floor Plan







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## **Gloucester Street**

11 Storey Office Development capable of being sub-divided. Built to fill the site, maximising the floor area, yet retaining flexibility. All glass to the street facade as there were only limited window opportunities as the building was land locked on all other three sides.

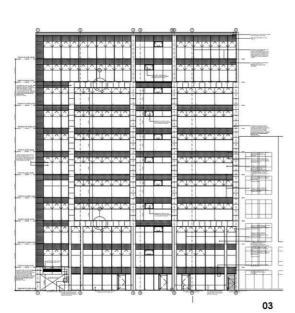
01 Site Photograph 03 Front Elevation

**02** Site Photograph **04** Floor Plan





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# Elmwood Avenue

The complete refurbishment and sensitive extension to a listed building for Queen's University Belfast. A new University Belfast. A new entrance was provided as a modern addition to the old.



**01** Site Photograph - Completion **03** Site Photograph - After Extension

02 Site Photograph - Before Extension



