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Eric was one of 17 architects who participated in *Architecture Connects*, an Arts in Junior Cycle initiative in collaboration with the Irish Architecture Foundation. In this initiative, architects facilitate small groups of teachers in exploring the design process.



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Podcast | Reflection Questions

You may find some of the following reflection questions useful. The questions and activities below are a small sample of ways that this podcast, featuring Eric Nay, could be incorporated into your classroom practice. You will need to consider the unique context and both age and stage of your students when planning how best to use this podcast and adapt this resource accordingly.



Before Listening

- What do you think an architect does?
- What role do you think the architect had in the design of the room you are in right now?



During Listening

- Eric speaks about enjoying drawing as a teenager. In particular he mentions being inspired by seeing a book of Frank Lloyd Wright's renderings for the first time. What inspires you?
- Eric says that architecture and design can give students a voice and help them figure out who they are. Do you agree? Discuss how engaging in the design process can help a young person to express themselves.
- Eric speaks about the importance of community and the power an architect has to positively impact society. Think about your community. What works well, and what could be better?



After Listening

- *We're all good at saying 'this doesn't work' and we often think you have to have a wonderful set of professional skills to fix it. But that's not true.* — Individually, or as a group, find a problem and try to solve it by working through the design process.
- Research an architect or building you are interested in. Present your findings to others.

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