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About

Lemi is a Registered Architect with over five years of experience in practice. He has worked across commercial, retail, office fit-out, public and residential projects, with experience in the Irish planning system, Building Regulations and BCAR requirements.

He is currently acting as Project Architect on multiple live projects, with responsibility for technical delivery, consultant liaison, client communication and contract administration. His role has developed over time from producing drawings and visual material to managing project information, resolving design issues and coordinating projects through planning, tender and construction stages.

He brings a pragmatic, problem solving approach to project delivery and is quick to learn new tools, systems and workflows. Over time, he has learned that successful projects depend not only on technical ability, but also on strong teamwork. He values clear communication, listening and consistent follow up, especially when issues need to be resolved under programme or cost pressures.

He also has strong site experience and has been involved in large car showroom projects, office fit-outs, public fire stations, Toyota dealership network upgrades, residential refurbishments, one-off houses and mixed-use developments.

Professional Experience

NODE Architecture, Dublin 2

Full-time

Project Architect

Jun 2024 – Present

- Act as Project Architect on multiple retail, commercial, and office fit-out projects, managing contract administration, day-to-day coordination, programme, and communication with clients, consultants, and contractors
- Lead coordination on the Toyota National Retail Concept rollout, involving 43 dealerships upgrade projects across Ireland, including signage, joinery, A/V, internal upgrades and external facade works

- Prepare and manage planning applications, H&S documentation, tender and construction packages
- Prepare and coordinate Fire Safety Certificate and Disability Access Certificate applications, including preparation of drawings and documentation
- Produce 3D models, CGI renderings, and presentations to support design development, planning submissions, and client approvals
- Coordinate multidisciplinary teams including QS, M&E, structural engineers, and specialist subcontractors
- Oversee site progress, attend site meetings and carry out site inspections, coordinate works during construction and resolve technical queries
- Review contractor progress claims and assist with reviewing/signing off payment certificates in coordination with the QS/Director.
- Carry out snagging inspections, prepare snag lists, and coordinate completion items through to handover
- Review, coordinate, and sign off contractor and specialist subcontractor shop drawings/submittals
- Assist with BCAR/BCMS documentation and inspections, including coordination of required certificates, compliance documentation, and completion-stage information.
- Support project close-out, handover documentation, and completion-stage coordination
- Support internal IT, workstation setup, software troubleshooting, and workflow improvements to improve office efficiency
- Support and mentor architectural graduates in the office

Architectural Graduate (Part II)

Jul 2021 – May 2024

- Worked closely with one of the Directors on high end residential and commercial projects across planning, tender, and construction stages
- Produced 3D models, CGI renderings, photomontages and visual presentation material to support design development, planning applications, and client presentations
- Assisted with planning applications for one-off houses, domestic extensions, and residential refurbishment projects
- Produced planning drawings, tender packages, construction drawings, and supporting documentation, coordinating with structural and M&E input
- Assisted with site inspections, meeting notes, and contract administration during construction stages
- Gained strong experience in Irish planning processes, residential design, and technical detailing
- Contributed to the practice's marketing and digital presence, including social media content management, updating the website with new projects, and photographing completed projects for marketing use.

Architectural Assistant (Part I)

Oct 2018 – Aug 2019

- Worked closely with Directors and senior architects on a range of residential, commercial, and student accommodation projects
- Assisted with design development, planning applications, and project documentation
- Prepared architectural drawings, 3D models, CGI visualisations, and presentation material for design development and client presentations
- Assisted on the redevelopment of a former B&B into student accommodation on Stillorgan Road, including revised planning, FSC, DAC and construction drawings
- Gained early experience in local authority processes, planning and building regulations, and communication with contractors and wider design teams

Additional Skills – IT & Digital Workflows

- Strong working knowledge of PC hardware, software setup, troubleshooting, and workstation configuration
- Researched, specified, purchased, and set up 4 new architectural workstations over the past three years, balancing performance requirements, office work needs, and budget
- Prepared and configured workstations for new employees, including software installation, peripherals, and general setup
- Liaising with external IT providers and advising on hardware specifications for CAD and visualisation work
- Carried out regular maintenance, hardware/software upgrades, and performance troubleshooting to improve office efficiency
- Supported the practice's digital presence through website content updates, social media content coordination, project photography and marketing material preparation

Education

Certificate in Building Information Modelling - Architecture

Atlantic Technological University

NFQ Level 8 · In progress · Expected 2027

Commencing Sept 2026

Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Practice (PDAP)

Technological University Dublin

Sept 2022 – May 2024

Master of Architecture (M.Arch)

University College Dublin

Sept 2019 – Sept 2021

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Architectural Science

University College Dublin

Sept 2015 – Sept 2018

UCD Entrance Scholar — University College Dublin, 2015

Awarded to high-achieving students based on 2014/2015 academic results (580 CAO points)

Skills

Software: AutoCAD, SketchUp, Lumion, Adobe Creative Suite, Revit (basic), Vectorworks (basic) Microsoft Office 365, Procore, Fieldwire, Microsoft SharePoint.

Core Skills: Planning applications, Project coordination, Client communication, Consultant coordination, Technical detailing, CGI and 3D visualisation, FSC/DAC, BCAR/BCMS, Tender & Construction documentation, Site inspections, Contractor liaison.