

2. Art in Temple Bar: Temple bar Gallery and Studios

In the early 1980s, an organisation of artists rented a disused shirt factory from CIE and established Temple Bar Gallery and Studios. Their bohemian energy contributed to the alternative 'left bank' ambience that has made Temple Bar famous. Although it was a wonderful place in which to create, the condition of the building was hazardous at best.

The building underwent extensive refurbishment under the framework plan and a new extension was added to a gap site on the corner, providing, in total, 30 artists' studios of varying size, a gallery, offices, a kitchen area on the top floor and storage space in the basement. The gallery is now twice its previous size and has a 'shop window' fronting onto Temple Bar, which draws people in.

A top-lit atrium links the old and new parts of the building and each studio has been given the maximum amount of light through generous sized windows.

Interview with Patricia Hurl, artist with studio in Temple Bar