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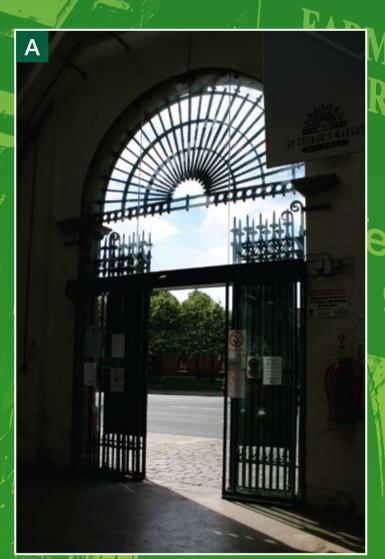
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## our BELFAST

## ST GEORGE'S MARKET

As the last surviving Victorian covered market in Belfast, St George's is one of Belfast's oldest attractions and still maintains its status today as one of the best markets in the UK. It was built in three phases between 1890 and 1896 and was completely refurbished in 1997.

The Friday variety market and Saturday food market are hugely popular with the city and within them you can find anything from potted herring to signed programmes from some of Manchester United's early matches! The fish section alone contains 23 fish stalls and holds a reputation for being the leading retail fish market in Ireland.





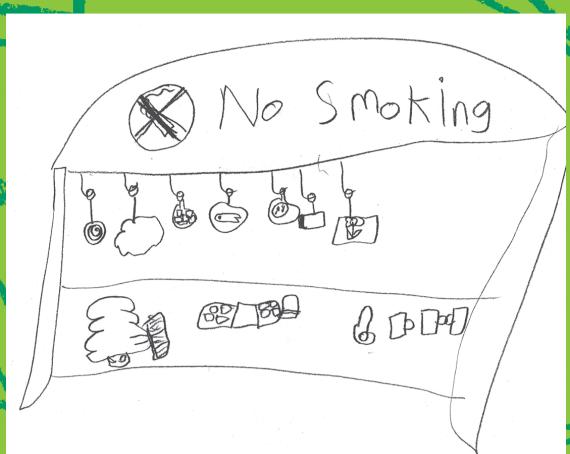


- A The silhouetted entrance
- B The beautiful stonework above the entrance
- C The children enjoying the view at St George's Market
- D The roof lets in
- lots of natural light

  E Caolan finds a new friend







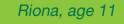
Nicole, age 7

St George's Market was voted one of the top 5 UK markets in 2006 by the National Association of British Market Authorities, however, while the popularity of St George's Market is undeniable, there is still a large proportion of the population who have never visited and are unaware of the vibrancy and sense of community offered from this part of the city.

"It was really light inside. It was almost like being outside!"

Riona, age 11

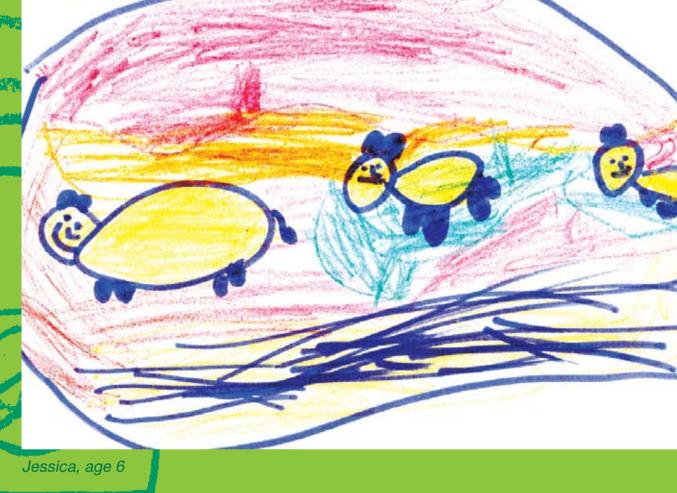






Brendan, age 9





The building that currently sits on the site was not the original market, which dates back as far as the 1640's, however it is the present building which is so highly regarded today. The designer of the neighbouring Albert Bridge, of which the original collapsed in the 1880's, was the city surveyor JC Bretland and it was Bretland who also designed St George's Market. Built from the traditional red brick of Belfast, the building is structured by cast iron columns and beams supporting a glazed roof, which gives the market its light and airy feel.

