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This seminar aims to increase the understanding of what makes building materials sustainable. The choice of materials is governed by a host of factors including function, cost and sustainability. This seminar will help to identify the synergies between these factors and answer questions such as: How does choice of materials affect design and how can more sustainable materials enable more sustainable design? What are the links between materials choice and the health of buildings? How can sustainable materials help to protect and enhance historic buildings?

The necessity to consider sustainable materials is driven by a variety of factors including the need to gain additional credits as part of a Code for Sustainable Homes or Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) assessment. Increasingly, some designers are seeking to use more sustainable materials to reduce end of life disposal problems. Finally, some clients just want to build with natural materials to disengage from the high energy and highly polluting industrial production of mainstream products.

**Whatever the driver, we are going to see more sustainable materials being demanded and used in the future. This seminar will provide the opportunity to learn more from the leading researchers and practitioners involved in the development and application of sustainable building materials.**

This seminar is for:

- Housing Association development managers
- Building professionals including architects and quantity surveyors
- Materials suppliers and purchasing managers
- Building contractors

*(CPD certificates will be available on the day)*

**The seminar will be chaired by Stuart Black, Chairman of Ecos Trust.**

## programme summary:

**Health and buildings:** Why choose natural and sustainable materials and what are the benefits that they can bring?  
*Neil May, CEO, Natural Building Technologies*

**Specifying and using sustainable materials – an architects perspective:** How the use of sustainable building materials can help you meet the Code for Sustainable Homes.  
*Craig White, Director, White Design*

**Breathability and functionality:** What attributes can sustainable materials provide to help with important considerations such as load-bearing and movement?  
*Dr Jim Allen, Partner, E and M West*

**Natural insulation and airtightness:** How can natural materials, such as insulation and intelligent membranes help to control damp and keep buildings breathing?  
*Niall Crosson, Technical engineer, Ecological Building Systems*

**What are the limits?** How far into mainstream construction can natural materials really go?  
*Bee Rowan, Director of education and training, Amazon Nails*



**Afternoon workshop sessions, choose two (on the day):**

1. The Natural House (Neil May)
2. ModCell® (Craig White)
3. Building with clay (Bee Rowan)
4. Pro clima products (Niall Crosson)

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