

GHA 2009 Event Programme



The GHA offers this annual programme of sustainability learning and knowledge sharing events, providing news, learning and feedback from the frontline of low carbon residential development.

March 4th, Event 1: EcoBuild 2009, high profile debate in the main arena:

Are Eco Homes Ugly? Can Eco Homes be Beautiful?

An informal and lively discussion with high profile speakers such as Germaine Greer, Bill Dunster, Tony Juniper and David Orr.

Are Eco Homes ugly? Does it matter? Does sustainable = beautiful by its very definition?

What is beautiful for social housing projects? Is neighbourhood beauty and quality of life more important than building aesthetics?

Followed by drinks and networking....

29th April, Event 2: Building Systems, Monitoring and Proof of Performance

A detailed examination of the practical performance of different build systems in meeting sustainability requirements, and the monitoring methods that help to provide proof of this.

Evidence about the practical performance of different building systems, including GHA case studies from LowCarb4Real and CLG Code compliant projects, and examples of monitoring approaches, including detailed feedback about improvements to systems and design/ construction management processes that will help to deliver sustainable homes in practice. Speakers will include representatives from Leeds Metropolitan University, Greenoak Housing Association and the GHA team.

Including an exhibition of the latest monitoring and performance measurement technologies.....

7th July, Event 3: Good Health through Good Homes

An exploration of how the design of homes and neighbourhoods affects the health and well-being of occupants and residents.

Emerging evidence about the effects of good homes on health and human behaviour, including indoor air quality, dust mites, mould, psychological wellbeing and mental health, and the implications of healthy neighbourhoods on obesity and physical health. Including examples and case studies, such as BedZED and Pines Calyx.

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Summer 2009, Events 4 and 5: Low carbon homes - site visits

Guided site visits, hosted by GHA Developers, offering a unique opportunity to see Good Homes during the process of construction.

Sites tbc but possibly including:

One Brighton by BioRegional Quintain

The Old Apple Store in Stawell, by Ecos Homes

The Natural House at BRE, Watford

ConstrECO₂, Wimbledon

Gentoo Homes, Sunderland

Dates and venues tbc

September, Event 6: Neighbourhood design for Good Homes

A partnership event with the Prince's Foundation, to examine the characteristics of good neighbourhoods that can support Good Homes and their occupants to live sustainable lifestyles.

Examination of the characteristics of good neighbourhoods that encourage low carbon and sustainable behaviour, such as walkability, permeability and provision of mixed use, local facilities. Followed by an exploration of the application of these principles at a variety of scales (from urban extension to small infill projects) and in different locations, such as rural, urban edge and city centre sites.

Including examples and case studies, such as Sherford new community, and details of tools and techniques that can help provide quantitative measurement and evidence.

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November/ December 2009, Event 7: 2016 Homes, transforming house-building in the UK Plus GHA xmas party & AGM

An event to explore what else is needed from supporting sectors to help the industry achieve the 2016 zero carbon targets.

Topics covered will include:

- Different types of mortgages, insurance deals and financial models that may support the sustainable construction market.
- How changes in planning requirements can be used effectively for sustainability gains.
- What new training, technologies and approaches are needed to enable successful delivery.

Details to be confirmed....

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