

Zero Carbon Buildings: Opportunities for Rural Living?

31st March 2009, University for the Creative Arts,
Fort Pitt, Rochester, Kent, 10:00-17:00

A **free**, one-day workshop organised by the University for the Creative Arts and the Rural Research and Strategy Partnership.

The Government has committed itself to more sustainable building practices by proposing that all new homes should be zero carbon by 2016 and by launching the Code for Sustainable Homes. Since May 2008, all new homes are required to have a code rating against the Code.

The Taylor review of Rural Economy and Affordable Housing: Living Working Countryside (2008) emphasises the need for urgent and innovative action to deliver more affordable homes to meet local rural needs and stimulate economic regeneration. On the other hand, these new homes will have to meet the required sustainability targets and the associated aspects provide opportunities for the rural economy .

Join-in and share your expertise with representatives from the construction industry, practitioners, rural stakeholders, academics and decision-makers in a **free**, one-day workshop that will explore :

1. How to foster sustainable innovation in products and rural business development towards low/zero carbon buildings;
2. The opportunities and challenges for the rural housing economy in the South East in a sustainable living scenario;
3. Ways for the creative industries to engage in the sustainability agenda.

A series of presentations in the morning will be followed by smaller workshop group discussions in the afternoon and the event will facilitate ample opportunities for networking.

Speaker contributions will include, inter alia:

Dr Andrew Peel (BRE) - The Energy Challenges for Low Carbon Buildings

Dr Marta Fernandez (ARUP) - Zero Carbon Buildings and Architecture

Richard Hawkes (Hawkes Architecture) - A Grand Design - 'Crossway' and its place in the Community

We very much hope that you will be able to attend. The workshop is free, but you do need to register by contacting the RRSP Co-ordinator by **24th March** at: anja.ueberjahn-tritta@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

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