



The Renewable Building Group Is Launched At Ecobuild 2010

The NNFCC's new **Renewable Building** Group will be launched on **Stand 1695** at Ecobuild 2010 on Tuesday 2 March – Thursday 4 March. This group is independent, not-for profit and aims to set the agenda for a successful renewable construction industry in the UK. The stand offers the industry-wide voice about renewable building and will be Ecobuild's hub for information on bio-based construction materials.

Renewable Building Group Workshop at Ecobuild Fringe

Materials Matter: can Renewable building materials deliver better low carbon building?

On Thursday 4 March between 11:00h – 12:30h and 14:00h -15:30h in the Whitehall Room. This will be a discussion forum to explore the environmental and performance benefits of bio-based building materials. The morning session will focus on case studies and performance issues and the afternoon session will focus on compelling arguments for policies to support the wider use of natural materials.

The format of the workshop is designed to encourage lively debate. The expert panel will consist of academics and key players from the renewable building products sector with specific expertise on key issues such as Passiv Haus, breathability, internal air quality and embodied carbon.

John Williams (NNFCC) and Gary Newman (Renewable Building) will introduce the sessions. The session chairs will be Prof. Tom Woolley and Alison Pooley (Centre for Alternative Technology). The expert panel will include – Neil May (Natural Building Technology), Prof David Robson, Mark Lynn (Second Nature Ltd), Craig White (White Design), Ian Pritchett (Lime Technology) and Barbara Jones (Amazon Nails).

For more details visit www.ecobuild.co.uk/fringe

What is the Renewable Building Thematic Working Group?

Renewable Building is a Thematic Working Group established by the NNFCC to promote the wider use of bio-based building materials. www.tinyurl.com/renewable-building-TWG

Renewable Building promotes the environmental, health, technical and social benefits of bio-based building materials through research, education, marketing and lobbying. The group is chaired by Gary Newman of Plant Fibre Technology and membership is drawn from manufacturers and suppliers as well as academics and consultants involved with bio-based building materials.

What are the benefits of bio-based renewable building materials?

- ✓ Renewable building materials tackle climate change by storing carbon.
- ✓ Renewable building materials do not run out and are sustainable.
- ✓ Renewable building materials contribute to health and well-being through improved air quality in buildings.
- ✓ Renewable building materials are of high quality and give durability of performance

Where can I get more information?

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