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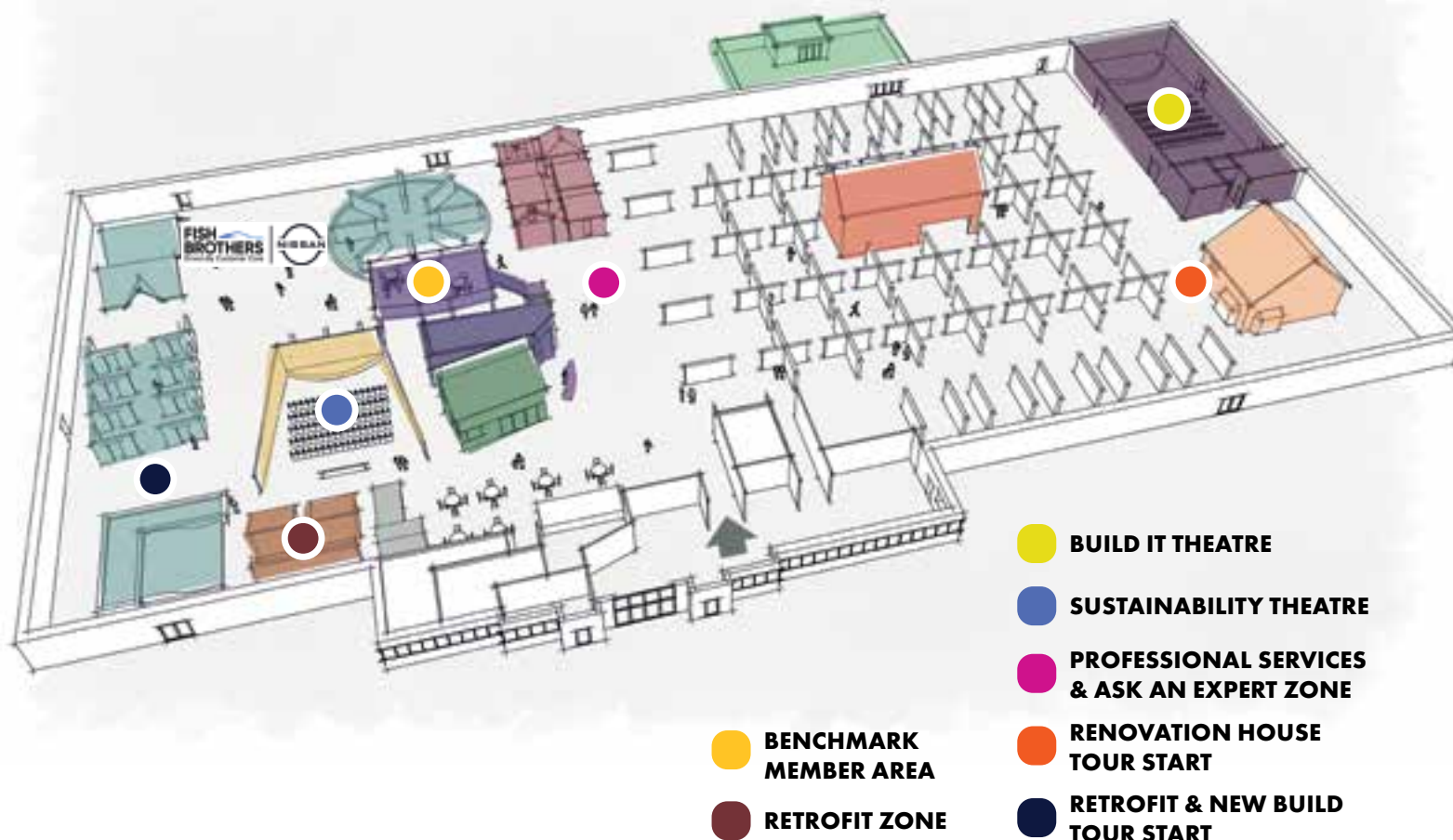
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Theatre Map



Show Highlights

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Book for our **FREE** educational guided tours, choose from our **New Build, Renovation House, & Retrofit Tours**.

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GRAND OPENING

Broadaxe Timber Frames grand opening – Friday 9th October at 11am in the show home in the Piazza.

Leka Garden Room Village grand opening – Friday 9th October at 2pm in the main Piazza.

DON'T MISS OUT

TV Presenter Georgina Burnett (AKA 'The Home Genie') will be talking in the Build It Theatre, sharing her tips and tricks for making the renovation process smoother and learning from her mistakes. Friday 9th October at 12:30pm.

ASK AN EXPERT ZONE

Our experts will be offering **FREE 20 minute** 1:2:1 consultations on a first come, first served basis.

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Theatre Timetables

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

SUSTAINABILITY THEATRE			
Time	Topic	Presenter	Synopsis
10:30 – 10:55	Finding Land	Mark Stevenson	Finding Land, without the jargon: just good, honest advice - Finding a building plot is never easy, but there are ways and means to find that elusive dream plot.
11:15 – 11:50	Funding & Finance	Paul Walkling, BuildStore	Financing Your Homebuilding Project - Arranging finance for a self build, custom build, retrofit or renovation project is very different from a standard mortgage. In this session, Paul Walkling from BuildStore explains the funding options available, what lenders look for, and how to prepare your project for a successful application, helping you avoid delays, funding gaps and costly mistakes.
11:55 – 12:20	Project Management	Lucy Nylander	Lessons from Project Failures (What Goes Wrong in Building Projects — and How to Avoid or Fix It) - Key lessons from real projects, highlighting how better planning, cost management, decision-making and communication can lead to a smoothly run more successful project.
13:10 – 13:35	Planning	Mark Doodes	Planning for self builders; 2026 overview - Our Planning expert will explain the intricacies of the planning process and how you can optimise your chances of getting approval for your dream home.
13:35 – 14:00	Renovation	Rob Rohm	Insights into Renovation, Conversion & Extensions - This session focuses on sustainable building and energy efficiency. Rob, an expert in building fabrics and heating systems, offers valuable insights for anyone thinking of undertaking a renovation, conversion or extension project.
14:30 – 14:55	VAT Reclaims	Andrew Jones	Understand your VAT position on your build project - Did you know, You can reclaim VAT on most self build, building elements and materials – but there are some exceptions and various rules to understand and follow.
15:00 – 15:25	Energy Efficiency	Ceri John, Which?	Smart Home Energy Planning - Whether you're building, retrofitting, or improving your existing home, it's never too late to make smarter energy choices. This session explores practical energy efficiency upgrades that can cut bills, improve comfort, and add long-term value. You'll also discover the free Which? Home Energy Planning Service, which creates a personalised plan for your home, helping you identify the best improvements, estimate savings, and compare return on investment so you can make informed decisions with confidence.

BUILD IT THEATRE			
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10:30 – 10:55	Garden Rooms/ Extensions	Rhys Hoddinot, Leka	Introducing Leka's composite systems using our unique IRP CORE Technology - Conservatories: Discover how to transform your Conservatory with the UK's Premium Warm Roof System. Garden Rooms: Discover the future of outdoor living with LEKA composite garden rooms. Beautiful, insulated spaces crafted with no timber, no corrosion, and zero condensation. Your garden room can be designed as a home office, gym, studio, games room, hobby room or somewhere simply to relax. Don't forget to also join us for our Grand Opening of our Garden Room Village at 2pm!
11:00 – 11:25	Insulation	Mike Shufflebotham, Warmcel	An Insulation with exceptional performance in all seasons - How it keeps homes warm in winter and greatly helps stop overheating on hot summer days, plus all the other benefits of Warmcel in timber frame construction.
11:30 – 12:15	Question Time Panel: Over Heating Homes	Paul Morris Richard Soper Craig Cundey Libby Quance	Over Heating has been a 'hot' topic this year. This is your chance to get the latest advice from our expert panel, featuring representatives from: Love Your Blinds - The Unico System - Ubbink - Mike Wye
12:30 – 13:10	TV Presenter & Celebrity Home Stylist	Georgina Burnett, The Home Genie	Renovation Reality Check with Georgina Burnett - Renovating or building your dream home is exciting - but the reality can be very different from the Pinterest board. TV presenter and celebrity home stylist Georgina Burnett shares the honest, funny and sometimes painful lessons from her own renovations and self-build projects, as well as working on homes for clients and celebrities. From runaway budgets and builder blunders to planning pitfalls, design regrets and timelines that spiral, Georgina reveals what can go wrong - and, more importantly, how to avoid making the same mistakes. Expect real-life stories, practical advice and plenty of “I wish someone had told me that!” moments.
13:15 – 13:40	Timber Frames	Lewers Firth, Broadaxe	Built to Breathe: Choosing materials for lasting performance - Lewers Firth, of Broadaxe Timber Frames, explores how choosing the right construction materials can improve your home's performance, support breathability and create a healthier, more durable building for generations.
13:45 – 14:10	Heating & Cooling	Sarah Prutton, Panasonic	Panasonic Room Solutions - Our changing domestic requirements Types of solutions – The difference between air conditioning and comfort cooling / Air to air and air to water A one system solution – An overview of how one system can do it all and what those options are by way of reviewing available products Next steps – Available support including how to find an installer.
14:15 – 14:40	Interiors	Debbie Hulme, Home of Interiors	Smart Shading, Sensibly Priced: Start Simple, Scale Smart - The talk tackles the two assumptions that put people off motorised blinds and shading — that it means rewiring the house, and that it's expensive. The core message is that home automation needn't be complicated or costly: you can start with a single wire-free blind and add to it at your own pace, only going as far as you want to.
14:45 – 15:10	Damp Solutions	Connor Turner, Safeguard Europe	An introduction to dampness in buildings - Presented by Safeguard Europe, market leaders in innovative solutions for dampness in buildings, this short presentation will explore the three main kinds of dampness in buildings: How to identify them, the reasons why they take place and strategies that can be applied to resolve them.
15:15 – 15:40	Insulated Concrete Formworks (ICF)	Marc Lorente & David Valentine, Murotex	Bringing innovation and sustainability to your projects - Join MUROTEX for an insightful look into the future of sustainable construction using the world-leading ISOTEX Insulated Concrete Formwork (ICF) system. Whether you are a self builder planning your dream home or extension, an architect designing to meet strict energy targets or a developer looking to slash build times and costs, this short presentation outlines how to combine structure, premium insulation, and industry leading fire safety in a single, efficient phase. Additionally, discover how our collaboration with Build Store can unlock development finance and mortgage options, as well as provide 10-year build warranties.

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13:30	Good Energy Renovation House	Good Energy Renovation House Solar Surgery - Throughout this tour of the renovation house, Good Energy will explain the integration of solar panels, battery storage, and EV chargers, and how they can help you manage your energy tariffs, during a renovation.

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SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

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10:20 - 10:45	Finding Land	Mark Stevenson	Finding Land, without the jargon: just good, honest advice - Finding a building plot is never easy, but there are ways and means to find that elusive dream plot.
10:50 - 11:15	Legal Advice	Iain Cole, Davies & Partners	Renovation = litigation, discuss - Renovations, by definition, mean working on existing, sometimes older, buildings. These buildings have history and character but also a distressing number of skeletons. What can you do to reduce the risk of the unforeseen, how do you prepare for the unknown unknowns. Let's explore what you can do to ensure the renovation doesn't derail when an unknown comes up and if that always means litigation after the fact.
11:15 - 11:50	Funding & Finance	Paul Walkling, BuildStore	Financing Your Homebuilding Project - Arranging finance for a self build, custom build, retrofit or renovation project is very different from a standard mortgage. In this session, Paul Walkling from BuildStore explains the funding options available, what lenders look for, and how to prepare your project for a successful application, helping you avoid delays, funding gaps and costly mistakes.
11:55 - 12:20	Budgeting	Tim Phillips, Quantiv	How To Budget for Your Self Build Project & Control Costs - Covering the key factors that influence costs and share strategies to keep your build on budget throughout construction. Plus, exploring ways to cut costs without compromising on quality.
12:40 - 13:05	Roofing	Sarah Kelleher, Tapco Roofing	Tapco: A Lightweight Slate - The application of a lightweight slate for most sectors of buildings, especially for self-builders due to its ease of installation.
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15:00 - 15:25	Finding A Trade	Patrick Coll, Federation of Master Builders	Lay the Foundation Right - Choosing the Best Contractor for your Project.

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10:30 – 10:55	Timber Frames	Max Ellis, MBC	Building with High Performance & Passivhaus Timber Frame Systems - This presentation will briefly look at the advantages of building with timber frame and working with an offsite manufacturer and then take a deeper dive into the subtle differences between high performance and Passivhaus construction.
11:00 – 11:25	Foundations & Groundworks	Adam Fleet, Mainmark	Building on Solid Ground: What every Self-Builder should know about Ground Conditions and Foundations - The decisions made before construction begins can have a major impact on a home's long-term performance. This presentation explores common ground-related risks including clay soils, tree influence, drainage issues, shallow foundations and variable ground conditions. Learn what warning signs to look for before building, the potential consequences if risks are overlooked, and the modern engineering solutions available.
11:30 – 12:15	Question Time Panel: Heat & Energy	Craig Brooke Jo Snell Pete Toth Ian Woodcock	Help understand the best heating and energy saving options for your project. This is your chance to get the latest advice from our expert panel, featuring representatives from: ADM - NuHeat - PBT Renewables - Rainwater Harvesting
12:30 – 13:10	REAL LIFE CASE STUDY: Eco heating, ventilation & cooling	Andrew Clapton & Peter Neville, Total Home Environment	A modern, energy efficient ventilation, heating and cooling system in a real-life scenario - You'll have brief information on what MVHR is and going a step further with Heat Pump Ventilation (HPV). Peter will then give you a realistic view of his self-build journey, (with lessons learnt!) and why he chose HPV. He will share his experience of preparing to have it installed and what it has been like to live with since, along with practical information on components and design from our expert. We will finish off with Q&A... so take notes!
13:15 – 13:40	Windows	Victoria Saines, Norrskén	Is triple glazing worth it? Why the frame matters as much as the glass - Weighing up on the benefits of triple glazing whilst balancing budget, style & performance - from frame construction to installation quality.
13:45 – 14:10	Floorings	Paul Wood, Pietra	Making the right choice when choosing your floors - A guide to flooring types, the necessary subfloors, and how to reduce costs.
14:15 – 14:40	Architectural Design	Alan Budden, Eco Design Consultants	Lower Bills, More Comfort: The Secrets of a Home That Works for Life - Whether you're renovating, extending or building new, design-stage decisions shape how your home performs. Architect and Passivhaus designer Alan Budden shows how a whole-house approach creates homes that are warmer, healthier, cheaper to run and less exposed to rising energy prices. Drawing on real projects, he covers mistakes that cost homeowners money and when to work in stages. You'll leave with practical ideas to act on.
14:45 – 15:10	Heating & Cooling	Andrew Keyworth, Worcester Bosch	A self-builder's guide to home heating and cooling - A comprehensive overview of heating and cooling options for new build and renovated properties from one of our home heating experts. With decades of industry experience, they will also cover government support available for self-build projects, guide you through relevant legislation and explain how optimising the heating system for your property can give you the best home comfort.
15:15 – 15:40	Foundations	Guillaume Danis, Techno Metal Post	Revolutionising the Foundation Industry - Techno Metal Post is the world leader in screw piles foundations. Discover more during this talk!

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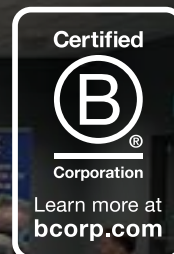
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