

Renovation Workshop - Transform your home with confidence!

Saturday 21st November

Presentation Timetable

All talks held in the Sustainability Theatre

Centre doors open at 9:00 - Use this time to explore the exhibitor display stands and have 1:2:1 slots

10:30 – 10:55 | Finance & Funding – Paul Walkling, **BuildStore**
This session is dedicated to methods of raising finance and the importance of setting a budget and controlling costs throughout a renovation project.

11:00 – 11:25 | Renovation or Retrofit: What's the Difference? – Alan Budden, **Eco Design Consultants**
Planning a new kitchen or bathroom? It's the perfect moment to make your home warmer, healthier and cheaper to run, if you plan ahead. Architect and Passivhaus designer Alan Budden shares lessons from real projects: the costly mistakes to avoid, how to phase work sensibly, and why a whole-house plan pays off. You'll leave with practical next steps.

11:30 – 11:55 | An Introduction to Tackling a Renovation Project – Rob Bohm, **NSBRC Help Desk Expert**
Rob will provide an introduction to approaching a renovation project, covering the key considerations and essential aspects of effective project management. Drawing on his wealth of experience, Rob will share valuable insights and guidance to help you better understand how to plan and manage a successful renovation project.

Short break for 1:2:1 appointments & 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Renovation House Tour *

13:00 – 13:25 | How to design in and conceal external shading - Paul Morris, **Solar-Shield**

13:30 – 13:55 | The Best Insulation in Your House Is in the Wrong Place, How hard water invisibly undoes your energy savings – Sam Mant, **Halcyan**
You've insulated your home to keep the heat in. Hard water adds another layer you never chose, in the worst possible place. Limescale, the invisible enemy, insulates your heating elements from the water they're meant to heat. Every millimetre can add 7–10% to the energy used.
In this 25-minute talk, Sam Mant, CEO of HALCYAN, will show you:
• Where the invisible enemy hides in your system
• How much energy and money it's invisibly costing you
• The honest pros and cons of every option: salt softeners, scale reducers and salt-free conditioners
• What Building Regulations require, and what they don't You'll leave knowing exactly how to protect the energy savings you've paid for.

Short break for 1:2:1 appointments

14:25 – 14:55 | Kitchens Explained: What You're Really Buying – Mark Byers, **Sustique**
Buying a new kitchen is a major investment, but do you know what you're really paying for? This practical, jargon-free presentation explores kitchen construction, materials, installation and quality, helping you understand the differences in durability, price and everyday functionality. You'll leave with the knowledge and confidence to ask the right questions before investing in your new kitchen.

15:00 – 15:25 | Electrifying a renovation: heat, solar and storage as one system – Pete Toth, **PBT Installations**
Most renovations add kit one piece at a time. This 25 minute talk walks through designing heat pump, solar PV, battery and controls as one system, so the home stays comfortable year round, bills drop, and you avoid rework. Drawn from real PBT Installations renovation jobs.

Centre closes at 17:30

**Tour places are limited; book your spot at the Booking Desk on arrival*