

Theatre Timetables

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER

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SUSTAINABILITY THEATRE			
Time	Topic	Presenter	Synopsis
10:30 – 10:55	Heat Pumps & Underfloor Heating	Nu-Heat	Underfloor Heating & Heat Pumps: Efficient, low temperature heating for your home - Underfloor heating and Heat Pumps – the benefits, considerations and options available to you when choosing a heat pump and underfloor heating for your home. We cover options for both new build and renovation projects as well as viability of heat pumps, running costs and government incentives currently available. The presentation is honest about suitability and the key things you should consider when undertaking this type of project.
11:00 – 11:40	Finance & Funding	BuildStore	Finance & Funding Your Project - This session is dedicated to methods of raising finance and the importance of setting a budget and controlling costs throughout the project.
11:45 – 12:10	B Corp	NSBRC	B Corp: Our Better Sustainable Business Journey - Find out how we’re becoming more ethical and sustainable, and what being a Certified B Corporation means to us.
12:15 – 12:40	Heating	Zehnder	Overheating in Homes: Residential Heating, Cooling and Ventilation - Explores the essential systems that ensure comfort, health, and energy efficiency in residential environments: heating, cooling, and ventilation. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of how these systems work individually and in harmony to maintain optimal indoor air quality and temperature control throughout the year.
13:15 – 13:40	Solar PV & Battery Storage	Eco Energy Environment	How to maximise your investment in Solar & Storage with the latest integrated system on the market! - We'll explore investing in solar – with an introduction to the primary design requirements, specifications & key ancillary technologies (battery storage & electric vehicle chargers) to maximise the solar contribution for new builds.
13:45 – 14:10	Cladding & Decking	Millboard	Beyond the Build: Balancing Form, Function and Long-Term Value - The most rewarding homes balance form and function to be both practical and inspiring. This session explores how considered design and material choices can enrich daily living while safeguarding comfort, appearance, low-maintenance ease and lasting value.
14:15 – 14:40	Windows & Doors	Velfac	Windows & Doors Decoded: Make the Right Choice For You - Discover how to choose windows and doors that balance style, performance, and budget. We'll cover materials, glazing, thermal efficiency, and smart design choices to help you make the best decision for your home.
14:45 – 15:10	Home Automation	Theben	Smarter Living Made Simple - Building your own home is the perfect time to add smart technology. This session shows how simple it is to control lighting, heating, blinds and more while reducing energy costs. LUXORliving from Theben offers flexible, KNX-based automation for a comfortable, efficient, and secure home without being dependent on the internet.

BUILD IT THEATRE			
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10:30 – 10:55	Design	Austin Design Works	Putting Together The Team - This presentation will cover the project team needed to support a self build, what different specialists/ consultants bring to the project and what their roles are.
11:00 – 11:40	Finding a Tradesperson	Federation of Master Builders	Laying the Foundation Right: choosing the best contractor for your project - Alli Gay, from CHI Homes Ltd and South West Area President of the Federation of Master Builders, will be sharing expert insights on how to choose the right contractor for your project. From top tips to red flags, Alli’s presentation will guide you through the essential considerations, helping you know what to ask, what to watch out for, and what to prioritise when selecting your builder.
11:45 – 12:10	Finding Land	Mark Stevenson	NSBRC Course Taster Session: Land - Finding a building plot is never easy, but there are ways and means to find that elusive dream plot.
12:15 – 12:40	Renovation Projects	Rob Bohm	NSBRC Course Taster Session: Renovations - This course taster 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.
12:45 – 13:10	Planning	Mark Doodes	NSBRC Course Taster Session: Planning - 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.
13:15 – 13:40	VAT Reclaim	Andrew Jones	NSBRC Course Taster Session: VAT - One of the joys of self-building is the option to claim a VAT refund! If you're a DIY builder, building a new home or converting a non-residential building into a home you should qualify. We'll discuss what you need to know.
13:45 – 14:10	Timber Frame & Finding A Plot	Fleming Homes	'Can I Build Here?' to ‘Here’s How’ - For many self-builders, the biggest hurdle is finding the right plot. In this session, we’ll explore smart ways to spot opportunities and assess them quickly. We’ll provide insights on spotting feasibility concerns and planning potential, so you can act with confidence when a plot catches your eye – giving you the tools to secure land and start shaping your future home.

EXHIBITOR STAND DEMOS		
Time	Presenter	Synopsis
11:00 & 14:30	AC Architects - Stand 63	Virtual Reality - Experience the latest VR Systems and software. Walk around and fully appreciate the external design and internal spaces of a virtual house in unbelievable 4K clarity!
11:00, 13:00 & 15:00	Living Home Tech - Stand 230	At our Home Cinema demo, visitors can experience the ultimate in-home entertainment. See how cutting-edge audio-visual technology can transform your living space into a cinematic masterpiece. From immersive surround sound to crystal-clear visuals, we'll demonstrate the possibilities for tailoring a home cinema setup to your needs, whether it's for movie nights, gaming, or streaming. Our experts will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions about design, installation, and technology integration. Don't miss the chance to bring your dream cinema experience to life!
Book at stand	Fleming Homes - Stand 231	From Ideas to Insights: Free Design Consultations. Book a free 40-minute design consultation with one of Fleming Homes’ self-build designers. Bring your ideas and questions and leave with tailored advice to move your project forward.

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10:30 – 10:55	Heat Pump Ventilation & Heat Recovery Ventilation	Total Home Environment	HEAT PUMP VENTILATION: fresh air, heat recovery, instant heating, cooling & hot water, all in one! - If you’re making your home well-insulated and airtight, do you need a formal heating system, or could the HPV Series heat pump ventilation system be the energy efficient solution for you?
11:00 – 11:40	Finance & Funding	BuildStore	Finance & Funding Your Project - This session is dedicated to methods of raising finance and the importance of setting a budget and controlling costs throughout the project.
11:45 – 12:10	Rainwater Harvesting	Rainwater Harvesting	Discover the many advantages of installing a Rainwater Harvesting system - Why flush toilets and water plants with drinking quality water?
12:15 – 12:40	Heating, Ventilation & Cooling	Unico	Home Energy: Key Considerations for Efficient Heating, Cooling & Ventilation - This presentation will cover the key considerations for efficient heating, cooling, and ventilation (HVAC). You will learn how installing a HVAC system can benefit both you and your home.
13:15 – 13:40	Heat Pumps	PBT	How does a heat pump work within an electrified home? - With more of our homes running entirely on electricity, where can homeowners save money with connected technologies?
13:45 – 14:10	Building Materials	You Build We Buy	Purchasing Building Materials - A guide to sourcing building materials for your project effectively, whether you're managing the project yourself or working with contractors.
14:15 – 14:40	Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery (MVHR)	ADM	A guide to incorporating a Mechanical Ventilation System with Heat Recovery into your project - An introduction from a long established independent MVHR specialist into how you may implement an energy efficient ventilation system into your self-build or renovation project, confirm its validity whilst highlighting the common barriers faced when designing MVHR systems.
14:45 – 15:10	Estate Planning	Honey Legal	Who Might Inherit Your Home? - Discover what you can do to keep your home and estate away from prying hands.

BUILD IT THEATRE			
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10:30 – 10:55	Design	AC Architects	This session will look at how you can achieve the best design for your dream home, whether it's finding a plan to suit your family's changing needs or how you can maximise your plots potential!
11:00 – 11:40	Trusted Trader	Which?	The Importance of Choosing A Trader You Can Trust - Building or renovating your home is a significant undertaking that can be stressful, time-consuming, and financially demanding. Among the most critical decisions in this process is choosing a reliable and trustworthy trader. Unfortunately, rogue traders are common in the home improvement industry, making this decision more complicated than it should be. Today's goal is to provide you with the essential tools and insights to help you select a trader who is honest, skilled, and reliable, ensuring a smoother and more successful home improvement experience.
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