



Self Build Workshop - Discover the ABCs of homebuilding!

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th September

Presentation Timetable: Friday 4th – Sustainability Theatre

Centre doors open at 9:00 - Use this time to explore the exhibitor display stands and chat with experts

10:00 – 10:25 | Introduction to Workshop & Project Management – Rob Bohm, NSBRC

Rob introduces the key themes of today's workshop and explores the important questions to be asking.

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 the project.

11:00 – 11:25 | Essential Design Principles – Jenny Chandela, AC Architects

Getting the right team in place makes all the difference! Allan Corfield Architects walks you through how to choose your design team, when to bring them on board, and what to expect at each stage - helping your project flow smoothly from first ideas to finished build.

11:30 – 11:55 | Next Generation Wood Flooring – Richard Banham, Pietra/Bjelin

An introduction to Pietra & Bjelin's next-generation wood flooring, showcasing Woodura Planks 3.0 and Woodura Herringbone 3.0. Learn about the innovative Woodura® technology and how it delivers durable, sustainable, and high-performance flooring for self-build projects.

Short break for 1:2:1 appointments* New Build Zone Tour with Rob Bohm

12:45 – 13:10 | Building Better with Timber Frames – David Elsby, Fleming Homes

Key insights on self building with timber frames.

13:15 – 13:40 | Natural Fibre Insulation – Mike Wye

The benefits and usage of natural fibre insulation.

Short break for 1:2:1 appointments

14:10 – 14:35 | HEAT PUMP VENTILATION: one system, total comfort. Heating, cooling, fresh air & hot water... SORTED! – Andrew Clapton, Total Home Environment

What heat pump ventilation is, how it compares to heat recovery ventilation and all you need to know to have it installed into your home!

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11:00 – 11:25 | Building on Solid Ground: What every Self-Builder should know about Ground Conditions and Foundations – Adam Fleet, Mainmark

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 to help create resilient, sustainable homes.

11:30 – 11:55 | Mechanical Ventilation with heat recovery: the benefits & legislation – Craig Cundey, Ubbink

An explanation of the benefits and legislation around Ventilation.

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12:45 – 13:10 | Building with High Performance & Passivhaus Timber Frame Systems – Max Ellis, MBC

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.

13:15 – 13:40 | Building with Brick, A Self Builders Guide – Connor Matthews, Northcot Bricks

Choosing the right brick is one of the most important decisions when designing and building your home. In this presentation, Northcot Brick will explore the different types, colours, textures and finishes available, and explain how your choice of brick can influence the character and appearance of your finished home. We will look at the differences between handmade and wirecut bricks, reclaimed look alternatives, brick matching, bespoke and special-shaped bricks, and the importance of considering mortar. We'll finish with a 5 'key things to consider' when choosing your bricks and have a checklist 'takeaway' sheet for all.

Short break for 1:2:1 appointments

14:10 – 14:35 | Stairs, Design & Considerations – Meinolf Kloepping, Kloepping TTS Limited

The staircase is a core component of building your perfect home. The perfect staircase is different for every home, so it should be considered at an early stage of the project to ensure that the space and the support structure are available to create the perfect staircase.

It's not just about aesthetics, durability and cost; individual lifestyle, ability, psychology, ergonomics and future-proofing are important considerations as well.

This presentation will showcase a variety of considerations and help you to see what is important for your staircase.

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