



## New dates for popular Retrofitting Traditional Buildings seminar London, Bath and Leeds.

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Sustainable building pioneers **The Green Register** will run their popular training course on retrofitting traditional buildings in three more cities - London (February 26th & June 4th 2015), Bath (March 26th 2015) and Leeds (April 16th 2015) - following its previous success in Bristol.

The half-day '**Retrofitting Traditional Buildings**' seminar will outline current research, emerging best practice and case studies in the field of upgrading traditional and historic buildings, presented by sustainable development expert **Nicholas Heath**, Founding Director of **NDM Heath Ltd**.

*"As one of the leading UK experts in renovating traditional building in a sustainable manner, The Green Register is delighted to welcome back Nicholas Heath to present his cutting edge research into improving the energy efficiency of older buildings without losing their historic character,"* said **Lucy Pedler**, founder and Director of The Green Register.

The course will examine current issues, solutions and emerging best practice in achieving sustainable, low-energy traditional buildings while retaining their character and performance. Practical application is demonstrated by case studies, and technical detail encompasses recent research projects published by English Heritage, Historic Scotland, SPAB and Sustainable Traditional Buildings Alliance (STBA) and covers areas such as external and internal solid wall insulation, hygrothermal modelling, materials and energy calculations.

Nicholas will also present recent case study research findings conducted for English Heritage, highlighting the issues and potential risks surrounding mass-scale domestic external wall insulation projects. The research was carried out on traditional building retrofit projects in the north of England.

*"It is notoriously complex achieving significant energy savings in older and historic housing while avoiding technical risks and excessive costs. This half-day course examines appropriate and practical upgrade strategies (energy efficiency and renewables), technical risk, logistic and planning considerations, realistic savings, and how to achieve meaningful and effective retrofits without compromising the character of these buildings. The latest research, case studies and guidance will be presented from the UK and beyond, to help identify what really works and what not to do,"* said Nicholas Heath.

Previous attendees have praised the course, commenting: *"Concise, covers a lot of information, good product guidance and good practice guidance,"* and *"Excellent overview by very knowledgeable expert."*

Places cost £59 for members of The Green Register members, £85 for non-members. A special 3 for 2 offer is open to all. Visit <http://www.greenregister.org.uk/events> for more information and online booking.

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1. Please direct all enquiries, interviews & press place requests to Sally Collister:  
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2. Each course will run from 1.30pm - 5.30pm. The venue addresses are as follows -

**Feb 26th & June 4th 2015** - Pollard Thomas Edwards, Diespeker Wharf, 38 Graham Street, London, N1 8JX

**March 26th 2015** - The Guildhall Rooms, High Street, Bath, BA1 5AW

**April 16th 2015** - Yorkshire Dance, 3 St Peter's Buildings, St Peter's Square, Leeds, LS9 8AH

3. **The Green Register** is an independent, non-profit training and membership organisation founded in 2000 which pioneers sustainable building practices across all sectors of the construction industry - [www.greenregister.org.uk](http://www.greenregister.org.uk)
4. **Nicholas Heath** is Founding Director of NDM Heath Ltd, a UK-based sustainable energy consultancy. Nicholas is an expert in sustainable development, with many years' experience in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy in traditional and historic buildings. He provides services both nationally and internationally, and has developed and delivered training at all levels for many high-profile clients. His experience covers not only environmental but also social and economic sustainability, enabling him to take a holistic approach to his work. Prior to founding NDM Heath Ltd. in 2013, Nicholas worked with Changeworks, a leading Scottish sustainable development organisation. During his time there he was responsible for developing and leading a series of high-profile, award-winning projects retrofitting energy-saving and renewable energy technologies in historic, traditionally-constructed buildings in Edinburgh's Old Town, a Conservation Area and UNESCO World Heritage Site. These projects led to changes in local planning policy and are regarded internationally as examples of best practice in low-carbon building retrofit.