



## Joseph Little to present new seminar on achieving energy efficiency & preserving historic buildings

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Sustainable building pioneers **The Green Register** will run a new half-day seminar in London on 27th June 2014 entitled **Achieving energy efficiency and preserving historic buildings - surely too good to be true?**

Renowned architect **Joseph Little** of Dublin's **Building Life Consultancy** has been invited to share insights into the findings of a Dublin City Council commission which resulted in a ground-breaking book on how to make pre-1945 Dublin dwellings energy efficient while preserving their heritage value.

*"It is not too strong a statement to say that the future resilience of our society will be based upon high levels of both energy efficiency and community resilience. Interestingly certain aspects of community resilience depend on (a) local heritage being preserved and (b) being able to recognise the places we live in after we have finished insulating them – i.e. that the dwelling or district still feels like 'home'"* commented Joseph Little, "**Built To Last** is a body of work that explores the ill-defined place between preserving everything and insulating everything."

15 case study houses were studied in detail and energy efficient retrofits proposed or assessed. The houses range from 1750 to 1942, from 45sqm to 1000sqm and from Georgian red bricks to Inter-War cavity wall and mass concrete housing.

*"We tried to find answers for questions like: What impact can micro-climate have on energy efficiency? How and why should a rendered solid wall be treated differently to a brick-faced solid wall? What's the impact of replacing a suspended timber floor with insulated concrete? How do default U-values differ from actual U-values measured and why might that be important? What's the impact of exposed wall to area ratios on heat loss? Come and join me in exploring the issues"* enthused Joseph Little.

The seminar, which runs from **10:00 - 13:30**, will include the case studies presented in detail, an analysis of the effects of internal / external wall insulation and simulation of moisture movement and condensation risk.

*"The Green Register is delighted that such an eminent and knowledgeable speaker as Joseph Little will be sharing his ground breaking research with our delegates on this course."* said Director of The Green Register, **Lucy Pedler**.

Places cost £59 for Green Register members, £85 for non-members. A special 3 for 2 offer is open to all. Visit [www.greenregister.org.uk](http://www.greenregister.org.uk) for more information and online booking.

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. Please direct all enquiries, interviews & press place requests to [sally@greenregister.org.uk](mailto:sally@greenregister.org.uk) / 0117 377 3490
2. The course venue is The Human Rights Action Centre, 17 - 25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA
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
4. **Joseph Little** ([@building\\_life](#) ) is the principal of Joseph Little Architects and Building Life Consultancy. He graduated from the UCD School of Architecture in 1996 and from the Graduate School of the Environment at the Centre for Alternative Technology in 2008. He set-up his own practice in 2003 when he realised that his passion for low energy, environmental building design could only be realised outside of mainstream architectural practices, and launched Building Life Consultancy in February 2009. His consultancy has recently held WUFI® hygrothermal training in London in partnership with the Green Register. [www.buildinglifeconsultancy.com](http://www.buildinglifeconsultancy.com)