



Waste Not, Want Not Building a house out of 'waste'

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Sustainable building pioneers **The Green Register** announce **Waste Not Want Not**, a brand new half-day seminar taking place at the innovative **Waste House** project in Brighton on **13th June 2014**.

The event is the first of its kind to be held at the unique building. It offers an opportunity to hear key members of the design team discuss their experiences of the project - in which they built a house almost entirely out of 'waste' over four years - as well as a guided tour and Q&A.

Starting life as Kevin McCloud's **The House That Kevin Built**, The Waste House has been built by **BBM** together with **Mears Group**, the **University of Brighton** and **Freegle** - using only materials that have been discarded, including no fewer than 20'000 toothbrushes!

"It has been one of the best experiences of my life - working with so many different people and rising to so many challenges to create this amazing prototype house built from (so called) waste." said Cat Fletcher of Freegle, who will be sharing her experiences with delegates at the event on 13th June.

Duncan Baker Brown of BBM will explain the approach his practice took and that the building is a carbon negative project combining the latest renewable technologies, while Project Manager **David Pendegrass** will be conducting a comprehensive tour of the building and answering delegates questions.

"The Green Register is delighted to support the Waste House - a highly innovative demonstration project," commented **Lucy Pedler**, Director of event organisers The Green Register, *"It is testament to the fact that with a committed and skilled design team, a house can be build using very little in the way of virgin material. We are also very pleased to be the first outside organisation to run an event at this very special venue."*

The Waste House project is due to launch on 10th June, closely followed by this Green Register seminar on **13th June**, running from 14:00 - 17:00. The event is expected to be extremely popular and delegates are advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

Places cost £59 for Green Register members, £85 for non-members.

Visit www.greenregister.org.uk for more information and online booking.

Notes to Editors:

1. Direct all enquiries, interviews & press pass requests to sally@greenregister.org.uk / 0117 377 3490
2. The venue address is Faculty of Arts, University of Brighton, Grand Parade, Brighton, BN2 0JY
3. More information about the Waste House project, along with photographs and videos can be found at www.arts.brighton.ac.uk/ease/the-house-that-kevin-built
4. 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
5. More about the speakers -

Duncan Baker Brown, director BBM Sustainable Design

Duncan has spent the last 21 years designing buildings that utilise locally sourced, replenishable materials – BBM built the first public building made of straw bales in Kent. Duncan combines practice and teaching – since 1994, he and his partner Ian McKay have run research units dedicated to investigating sustainable design strategies in schools of architecture in London and Brighton. Duncan has been a Green Register speaker for a number of years.

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Cat Fletcher, Freegle

Cat is a waste activist who walks the talk. She is a founding member and Head of Media for Freegle (UK's biggest P2P online reuse network with 1.6+ million members.) She has worked on Brighton's Waste House, the city's One Planet Living strategy and is newly appointed Reuse Manager for Brighton and Hove City Council. A huge believer that we will all flourish by using less but doing more - through cross sector collaboration, technology and people power.

freegle.it/CatFletcherReUseCV

David Pendegrass, MCIQB, Mears Group

David, a Project Manager with the Mears Group at Brighton, started working in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council on the Waste House Project in November 2012. Together with the project team, David helped bring together the design and implementation of the project and since work commenced on site in April 2013, has managed the build process overseeing the many University of Brighton and City College students together with volunteers from the Public who helped build the house. This challenging project has added a new dimension to David's experience.

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