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GREEN REGISTER'S ECO REFURB COURSE GOES NORTH

******including the completed Great British Refurb Manchester Retrofit Project******

The Green Register (TGR) is pleased to announce that it will be running one of its most popular courses in the North of England this March, which will include Kevin McCloud's Great British Refurb - the Project.

The one day event entitled 'Becoming an Eco-Refurbisher' is being held at Manchester's MERCi Centre on Thursday 18th March 2010 and TGR has a great line up of topics and speakers in store for delegates.

Lucy Pedler, TGR's Director & Head Trainer, said:

"This course is for industry professionals who want to meet a growing demand for eco-refurbishment advice and services but currently lack the technical information and know-how. TGR has designed this course to help delegates realise the large potential for work in the domestic refurbishment sector in a time when people cannot afford to move house and so are looking to refurbish their homes using sustainable principles."

Some recent TV programmes on 'green make-overs' might lead viewers to think that eco-refurbishments are all about adding solar panels and recycling bins. However TGR's expert speakers will explain that it is a more complex process which looks at the entire house and how it can be holistically improved.

This fascinating and comprehensive training course is designed to provide all the information construction professionals will need to advise their clients on sustainable refurbishment of their homes. The course will include the following topics:

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- The completed **Great British Refurb Manchester Retrofit project** (<http://www.greatbritishrefurb.co.uk/manchester-retrofit-project-complete>)
- Technical solutions for different house types presented by Arup engineers
- Energy efficiency and microgeneration in traditional and historic homes
- The economics of eco-refurbishment and achieving the UK's 80% reduction target for houses
- Integrating renewable technologies into existing homes
- Refurb of a 1930's house including post-occupancy monitoring

Participants will be registered on The Green Register's website under the 'Eco Refurbisher' listing, designed to easily identify them to new clients.

Delegates from the last Eco Refurbisher course said:

"Liked the thought-provoking money talk at the end... brings things sharply into focus. Its always energizing to have a day of opinions from people who really know/are at the coal face."

"Very useful - I've been waiting for this level of insight for years."

You can book places on all Green Register courses online by visiting our website at www.greenregister.org.uk

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Notes to Editor:

1. Look out for us at Ecobuild and request your media pack or free press pass to one of our events.
2. For media enquiries please contact Mel Woodland on 0117 3773490. For general enquiries about the Green Register call 0117 3773490 or see the website at www.greenregister.org.uk.
3. The Green Register is an independent, self-funded organisation which pioneers sustainable building practices across all sectors of the construction industry.
4. The Green Register was launched in October 2000 by architectural practice Archipeleco. The organisation was given start-up funding and support by Southwark Building Control and Sustainable Energy Action.

