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GREEN REGISTER GIVES TOP GREEN BUILDING TRENDS FOR 2010

The Green Register's (TGR) Director and head trainer Lucy Pedler has predicted 3 key top trends in green building for 2010.

Lucy, who set up TGR 10 years ago to promote green building in the UK, shares her thoughts on what to look out for this year:

“For 2010 I think the UK’s construction industry professionals will:

- 1. Give much more emphasis on the existing building stock.*
- 2. Builders will have to become much more aware of issues such as airtightness due to new Part L legislation and clients’ desire to reach higher building standards such as passivhaus.*
- 3. Developers will need to be more savvy about sustainable building practices as clients/occupants demand higher standards.”*

Despite the recession TGR thinks that opportunities exist and this positive attitude is reflected by its members, 97% of whom have just renewed their annual membership.

Lucy added:

“Our members come from all disciplines of the construction industry and from all regions of the UK. We are committed to providing them with up-to-date training on cutting edge issues at an affordable price. We’d like to thank our partners and members for supporting the work of TGR and we’re very glad that members see huge benefits in renewing their TGR membership.”

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TGR believes that struggling professionals who have been hit hard by the recession can give their career a boost by training in green building issues. Their next Foundation course is on 12th March in London and delegates can book online at www.greenregister.org

This course starts with an overview of current global problems and trends. Sessions then follow on Relevant Legislation, The External Envelope including Healthy Interiors, Sustainable Water in the UK and Low Carbon Technologies Parts 1 and 2.

In addition to the main subjects presented - energy, water and waste minimisation - the topic of Contraction and Convergence as an important social issue is also covered.

Hilary Philips of McCaren Design said:

“McCaren Design are pleased to be members of the Green Register. Their induction course provided an independent and objective overview of best practice in sustainable design - an invaluable resource in a field where genuine sustainability and ‘greenwash’ are easily confused. Through the Green Register events we also have an opportunity to share ideas with other practices all working towards the same goal. The regular Green Register newsletters keep us informed of further training opportunities and important developments in the field.”

For more information on TGR and their training courses and membership please call the team on 01173773490 or mail@greenregister.org.uk

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Notes to Editor:

1. 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.
2. The Green Register is an independent, self-funded organisation which pioneers sustainable building practices across all sectors of the construction industry.
3. 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.