

Tuesday September 10th 2013

Lancaster Cohousing

Demonstrating community and sustainable living



09.00am—16.00 pm

Plus Networking Lunch

Venues: Lancaster University Management School and Lancaster Cohousing Forgebank

Lancaster Cohousing is an award winning intergenerational cohousing community at Forgebank, Halton that encourages social interaction and is built on ecological values. There are a total of 41 homes with community facilities and workshop/office space. The project is a cutting edge example of sustainable design and living. It acts as a catalyst and inspiration for significant improvements in the sustainability of new housing.

The community is built on ecological values with new buildings meeting Level 6 of the Code for Sustainable Homes with the homes built to Passiv Haus standards, recently winning the UK Passiv Haus Trust Award. The development is designed to facilitate spontaneous socialisation and has close links to Halton and the wider community. Lancaster Cohousing promotes sustainable travel with easy access to central Lancaster.

Forgebank is a housing development that balances the advantages of home ownership with the benefits of shared common facilities and connections with your neighbours. These co-operative neighbourhoods are designed to encourage both social contact and individual space, and are organised, planned and managed by the residents themselves.

By attending this event you will hear from key stakeholders their successful lessons in creating an innovative, award winning eco-home community development.

Agenda:

9:00 Rizal Sebastian, Proficient Project Manager: An outline of Proficient, an EU project to develop new processes and business models for the next generation of performance based energy efficient buildings.

9:15 Andrew Yeats, Ecoarc Architects: The participative design process used at this innovative, award winning project.

10:00 Jon Sear, Lancaster Cohousing founder member and Project Manager: Financial and procurement issues

10:30 Coffee and informal discussions

11:00 Kathy Bashford, Lancaster Cohousing founder member and resident: How the end user requirements for homes and community were met.

11:30 Jan Maskell, Proficient Partner and Cohousing resident and **Perica Savanovic**, Proficient Partner: Potential benefits and application of Proficient results; ways to develop and maintain the collaboration with the Proficient consortium and partners.

12:00 Networking Lunch

13:00 Lancaster Cohousing, Halton site visit. Kathy Bashford will lead an optional bike ride from the University to Halton (approx. 11 km, 1 hour) or make your own way there.

14:00 Forgebank tour. An opportunity to visit the site and see the social and technological aspects of the development.

To register please contact Jen Melling; j.melling@lancaster.ac.uk.