



Summer Newsletter

2013

We can't believe how fast the first half of 2013 has gone - maybe it's because we've been our usual busy selves here at SE²! Since our last newsletter, we've been working on a wide array of projects, including reviews of DECC's Local Authority Competitions and TSB's Retrofit for the Future programme, and a range of Green Deal workshops. On top of this, we even found time to row [8.5 miles down the Thames](#) and to celebrate our [9th birthday](#)! We're very much looking forward to the months ahead, with the Retrofit Roadshows, Heat 2013 and another SE² Seminar on the horizon, but for now we're enjoying the sun - and we hope you are too.

Community, collaboration and cash: can sustainability survive on a shoestring?

We are very pleased to announce that the SE² Seminar is back! Our event on 12th September will explore how we can make sure sustainability remains on the political, social and financial agenda in these cash-strapped times. Speakers include Phil Downing, Director of Icaro Consulting, and Daniel Vockins, Lead Organiser of the campaigns team at the New Economics Foundation - it's set to be a lively debate! For those who haven't attended before, our seminars are a great chance to catch up with friends and meet new colleagues across the sector. Email hannah@se-2.co.uk or call 0208 912 0444 to book!



Retrofit Summit, Roadshows and Awards

SE² is working closely with the team at Retro Expo to deliver a suite of events to discuss and share domestic and non-domestic retrofit best practice. 12 tailored regional events will take place across the country from September onwards, culminating in a one-day national policy Summit and Awards at the Business Design Centre in London on 5th December. For more information and to book on to your local event click [here](#) and to enter the Retro Expo Awards click [here](#).

Green Deal

The launch of Green Deal and ECO in January have had a profound effect on the energy efficiency market in Britain. SE² has been busy helping Government and its stakeholders work together to understand the impacts of the new policy landscape and to create strategies to achieve the best results.

Our main task for DECC has been a process evaluation of funding awarded in late 2012 for Green Deal Pioneer Places, fuel poverty measures and collective switching schemes. The evaluation took us across the country, interviewing local authorities, community organisations, industry partners and householders about different approaches to local delivery of energy efficiency schemes.

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As with any new policy, Green Deal has had its teething problems: our evaluation work helped to identify how local authorities managed the Green Deal process. Alongside this, we have facilitated a range of stakeholder workshops to generate policy and industry ideas around key Green Deal topics, including Advisor Training and the Code of Practice. We have also facilitated a workshop for DECC and the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Buildings, bringing the supply chain together to look at the challenges of delivering ECO.



Green Deal may not have had the easiest start, but it's been great to meet with so many people who are willing to explore the possibilities that it brings. We're also looking forward to our next Green Deal event so we can put Chloe's new skills to the test: she's currently forgoing the sun to study for a Green Deal Advisor qualification. Good luck Chloe!

Heat 2013

We're excited to be continuing our work with the Energy Institute and Combined Heat and Power Association this year, providing event management for Heat 2013 and the CHPA Awards and Dinner. Following the success of last year's event, we'll be returning to the Royal Society with 'Feeding the Fire: a strategy for growth', taking a look at the Government's ambitions as set out in the Heat Strategy earlier this year and how this might translate on the ground.

As in previous years, Heat 2013 will be followed by the CHPA's prestigious Awards Dinner, in the stunning setting of Lincoln's Inn. Now in their 6th year, the awards celebrate achievement, innovation and best practice across the sector; for more information and tickets for both events please click [here](#).



Retrofit for the Future

We've spent a lot of this year working closely with the Technology Strategy Board and data analysts Mastodon C to understand the lessons from the Retrofit for the Future programme. Retrofit for the Future saw the retrofit of over 100 homes across the UK, with an ambition of reducing CO₂ emissions by 80%. Our analysis of data and reports from the individual retrofit projects has drawn out important lessons for the construction industry, housing providers, policymakers and residents in how to achieve and sustain the carbon savings you expect from a retrofitted home. You can download our report - Retrofit Revealed - from [here](#).



SE² Scuttlebutts

Those of you who attended our New Year Seminar may remember a call for teammates for Chloe, Kathryn and Hannah, who had pledged to row 8.5 miles in a race down the Thames to raise money for the AHoy Centre, a local charity. To our great surprise, volunteers were forthcoming, and on 11th May the SE² Scuttlebutts crossed the finish line having raised nearly £2000! A huge thanks to all those who donated- you can find out more about the race and where the money will go [here](#).

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