

The Built Environment Sustainability Event

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On 1st July 2008, Leeds College of Building joined forces with the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network (WYLLN) to hold the inaugural Built Environment Sustainability Conference. This prestigious one day event took place at Leeds Town Hall and attracted around 100 delegates from the Construction & Built Environment Sector.

Speakers from a variety of organisations such as Leeds Metropolitan University (LMU), Department of Health and Nightingale Associates addressed key issues faced by the building, design and construction industry. The extensive conference programme promoted the sustainability agenda, helped to disseminate best practice, stimulated further thinking and demand for higher level education and helped to develop partnerships between FE, HE and employers.

Some of the key topics from the conference included; The Exploitation of Natural Renewable Systems, Practical Solutions for Sustainability in Building Design and Construction and How to Address the Skills Needed for Sustainability. The event also included an exhibition, with stands from a variety of organisations including, CIOB, Envirowise, local West Yorkshire Colleges, sector skills councils and more.

These are just a few examples of the excellent feedback received from delegates:

- 'Some engaging figures & industry related practices to take away and digest, clear, concise & considered speakers as a whole engaged in the subject matter and guided the audience well'. (Mat Best, Brewster Bye Architects).
- 'Very good and varied seminar; well organised'. (Mike Raven, East Riding Council).
- 'Overall a very well delivered conference, the content was interesting and relevant'. (Richard Manning, Gifford).

Leeds College of Building and the WYLLN are delighted with the success of this event and plan to run this event as an annual one, focusing on current environmental themes and issues. Look out for the 2nd Annual Built Environment Sustainability Conference due to take place in early summer 2009.

