

### Green Vision

June 2009

Representatives from across the Construction & Built Environment sector came together on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Leeds Metropolitan University's spectacular new building, The Rose Bowl to explore and discuss Sustainability issues at Green Vision 2009. The event proved to be very popular and attracted around 130 delegates from all areas of the sector, in fact the event sold out.

The event was jointly organised by Leeds Metropolitan University's Centre for Knowledge Exchange and the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network with additional support provided by Leeds College of Building, Constructing Excellence and Integreat Yorkshire.

Chaired by Dave Hampton, The Carbon Coach the day was broken into four sessions; the drivers for change, the implications, the benefits and delivering the change. These sessions featured a variety of topics relating to Sustainability, including the advantages of a Sustainable business and re-skilling for Sustainability. An innovative e-voting system was used to capture the delegate's opinions on a number of questions facing the sector which will inform research and development. The afternoon session featured Pecha Kucha, which is an innovative presentation method where 20 images are shown for 20 seconds a piece, this led to some amusement as 20seconds is not long!

The event sparked great debate, provided excellent networking opportunities amongst delegates and exhibitors and has led to further conversation on twitter, therefore increasing the reach and impact. Green Vision will continue to grow as future events are already in the planning stages to provide momentum to the cause and galvanise support for sustainability issues. Go to [www.greenvision.org.uk](http://www.greenvision.org.uk) for more information about the event, including the presentations.

'Excellent selection of speakers coming from different backgrounds but all focussing on sustainability.'  
Alex Bakes – Southdale Homes.

'The Pecha Kucha session helped keep presentations focussed and the e-voting was good for engaging the audience. Overall an excellent event, I'll need a week to go through the knowledge gained.'

Mike Raven – East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

