



The Case for Wood Windows

Date: 13th March 2018

Time: From 9.00 until 12.30

Venue: Bron Afon Community Housing, Llantarnam Industrial Park, Cwmbran, NP44 3AB

Purpose and context

Modern, well-made wood windows will typically out-perform plastic alternatives. Wood windows are commonly used in self-build projects, high-end private developments or in conservation areas. Woodknowledge Wales would like wood windows to become the default choice for most housing projects in Wales.

This is the first event of three and kicks off the Woodknowledge Wales Campaign for Wood Windows. The aim of this half-day knowledge event will be to explore the benefits of wood windows, and seeks to address the perceptions currently limiting their use in volume housing projects.

The event will cover how appropriate building design, good window manufacturing practices, and the use of quality timber are essential to years of trouble free performance. Experts will address the state of the art in window manufacturing, the up front and whole life costs, energy performance, the question of maintenance as well as the environmental benefits.



Booking and Cost

The cost to attend the event is free for WKW members but you must book as places are limited. If you are not a WKW member the cost to attend will be £35. Please book via [Eventbrite](#)

Provisional Programme

9:00 – 9.30 Registration. Tea and Coffee.

09:30 Gary Newman – Woodknowledge Wales

Welcome and Introduction - Woodknowledge Wales and the Campaign for Wood Windows.

09.45 Rob Panou – Senior Development Manager -Bron Afon Community Housing

Personal experiences of getting asset managers on board with wood windows

10:00 Sean Parnaby –President - British Woodworking Federation (BWF)

Current state-of-the-art in wood window manufacturing

10:30 Kevin Underwood – Wood Windows Alliance (WWA)

The WWA Standard for manufacturing wood windows and window performance

11:00 Chris Herring – Green Building Store

What our customers need to know about design, specification and installation to achieve maximum performance from low energy wood windows.

11:30 Gary Newman – Chief Executive of Woodknowledge Wales

Question and answer panel discussion including all speakers

12:00 – 12:30 Tea / coffee and networking

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Please consider membership.

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Speaker Profiles



Robert Panou, Bron Afon Community Housing

Robert has responsibility for delivering and overseeing Bron Afon's development programme (pre and post contract). He is responsible for running strategic projects worth up to £30million. Robert has a broad, commercial role that includes negotiating loan arrangements with funders, writing and delivering a 5-year development strategy, securing grants and managing schemes from planning to completion.



Sean Parnaby, British Woodworking Federation

Sean is currently president of the British Woodworking Federation contributing to the organisation's strategy. Sean has previously been Chair of the Wood Windows Alliance, believing that it is important to be involved and give direction to the industry. As managing director of West Port Timber and Doors the company has seen expansion over the last few years and looks to continue to expand and increase UK manufacturing capacity.



Kevin Underwood – Wood Windows Alliance

Kevin is current technical director for the Wood Windows Alliance spending much of his time out of the office sitting on technical standards committees both in the UK and Europe. He works to drive standards for the advancement of the sector and offers advice through their technical helpline.



Chris Herring – Green Building Store

Chris is a founder, and joint Managing Director of Green Building Store, a specialist SME which has built a reputation over more than 20 years in pioneering energy efficient and sustainable construction and products. As well as having built one of the first Passivhaus homes in the UK, GBS is a leading supplier of advanced triple glazed timber windows and other specialist products. Chris is also Chair of the UK Passivhaus Trust.



Gary Newman

Gary is the Chief Executive of Woodknowledge Wales and is also founder and Chair of the Alliance for Sustainable Building Products (www.asbp.org.uk). Gary is a construction engineer by training and early career. After completing a wood science masters at Bangor University, Gary established Plant Fibre Technology Ltd and has been instrumental in taking a number of plant based products from concept to market.

