

## Webinar

### 'How to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient and Help Build a Sustainable Community'

The webinar is targeted at home owners who might be considering a renovation, to learn more about how they can increase the energy efficiency of their house, the expected costs and the benefits. There will be case studies of houses that went from a Building Energy Rating of E to A and the lessons learned.

Changing our energy use creates one of the biggest impacts for sustainability and the environment. Acting together means this impact goes even further. Learn more about how Sustainable Energy Communities are working together and how to access expertise and financial support.

You will have an opportunity to ask our expert panel your questions. Free, pre-booking essential

Format: Online live presentations with speakers sharing images

Followed by Questions & Answers

Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 11am- 12 noon



#### **James Walsh, Low Energy Design**

James is a registered Architect based in Castleknock. He strives to design buildings that delight the owners and deliver high performance in energy efficiency, comfort and reduced energy bills. James is a member of the Passive House Association of Ireland, Association for Environment Conscious Building as well as being a member of the RIAI and an NSAI registered Thermal Modeller.

Low Energy Design have designed numerous deep retrofit residential projects including the multi-award winning EnerPhit standard St. Bricin's Park for Dublin City Council. Low Energy Design won the design prize for Excellence in Residential Renovation at the Isover Awards 2019.



#### **Susan Andrews, Programme Executive, SEAI**

Susan is a Programme Executive with SEAI for Home Energy Grants, which offer financial incentives for energy upgrades in the residential sector. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Susan has an MSc in Strategic Management and BSc in Business and Marketing, along with nineteen years' experience across a variety of sectors including Architecture, Engineering and Construction. Susan recently completed the Building Energy Rating (BER) Assessments for New and Existing Dwellings.



**Sarah Cassidy, Architect**

Sarah has more than 20 years’ experience as a professional architect, working within both private and public sectors. She is a Member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and a Certified Energy Manager.

Projects include: housing renovation; new build; feasibility studies; commercial upgrade, contribution to local area plans and urban development plans. She previously worked as dlr Energy Officer and played a key role introducing the corporate-wide ISO 50001, contributing to energy and climate action policy and the delivery of a range of building and energy projects to aid the Energy and Climate Change future proofing.

Her current role is more pertinent to housing delivery. She recognises the pivotal significance of a unified public and private sector in the promotion of a strong society.



**Gavin Harte, Sustainable Energy Communities Mentor**

Gavin has an MSc in Sustainable Development from DIT Dublin. He is a sustainability entrepreneur and has initiated many sustainability focused start-ups throughout his career. He was a founder of the Cloughjordan eco-village in Tipperary. He served as national director of An Taisce and worked as a CSR sustainability consultant with Business in the Community Ireland. Gavin now runs ESD Training, his consultancy for education in sustainable development. Gavin is a Sustainable Energy Community Mentor in Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.



**Eibhlin Curley, SEO, DLR Architects Department – Compère**

Eibhlin is a business, economics and social studies graduate of Trinity College Dublin and has a MBS from DCU. She has over twenty years’ experience in business development, project management, communications and public sector and was previously dlr Head of Enterprise and Economic Development. She was appointed as dlr Energy Coordinator in February 2019 and runs the cross-departmental Energy Team and is a member of the dlr Climate Change Action Team. Eibhlin manages Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s ISO 50001 Energy Management System, corporate energy projects and energy awareness. She is participating in several EU Energy Projects with the four Dublin Local Authorities with Codema.