
Press Release

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Training opportunities for Passive House craftsmen worldwide

Course material now available in English, additional languages coming soon

Darmstadt. PHI's "Certified Passive House Tradesperson" qualification is becoming increasingly popular at the international level. Two months before the International Passive House Conference in Frankfurt, Germany, the Passive House Institute has published the English version of the course material with further translations already under progress, thus responding to the increasing international demand for training opportunities in the field of energy efficient construction.

The English language course material is available as an international version as well as a regional version tailored to meet the requirements in Britain. Initial experiences in Ireland and the United States have been highly encouraging, reflecting the need for such training opportunities worldwide. Polish, Spanish and Korean versions are already in the making, additional languages will follow soon. After the introduction of the tradesperson training scheme in German speaking countries almost a year ago, the Passive House Institute has now bridged the gap at the international level.

The courses, which typically last three days, and the corresponding "Certified Passive House Tradesperson" examinations are offered by accredited training institutions. The examination questions are prepared by the Passive House Institute. The course material can be obtained from the Passive House Institute, including presentation slides as well as text modules and sample exercises relating to basic Passive House principles and economic aspects as well as specific topics such as airtightness and the construction process.

A special tradespersons forum, held within the 17th International Passive House Conference on 19 April 2013, will provide a platform for the exchange of construction related experiences. Lecturers with extensive practical experience will share their knowledge on the topics of building services and building envelopes (in German). Participants will also have the opportunity to join guided tours of the Passive House Exhibition, held in parallel to the Conference, or to exhibit their own products there.

For more information on Certified Passive House Tradesperson training, please visit the Tradesperson website at www.passivehouse-trades.org

Training institutions interested in offering "Certified Passive House Tradesperson" courses may contact the Passive House Institute at: tradesperson@passiv.de

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