



Launch of the 'Hanover Centre Carbon RACE'

Hanover 10:10 hosts launch of the 'Hanover Centre Carbon RACE' (RACE = 'Reduction, Awareness and Community Engagement') and invites residents to access free insulation for their homes.

Hanover Community Centre, 33 Southover Street, Brighton
on Saturday 25th February at 10.30pm.

The Hanover Carbon RACE launch follows 6 months' joint work between Hanover10:10 and the Hanover Community Association. Works on The Hanover Centre building will showcase what can be done to reduce carbon (and energy bills!) and inspire wider action to reduce carbon.

TODAY, the launch of the Hanover Centre Carbon RACE starts with:

- **Warm Home Insulation workshops:** today's workshops are practical sessions that will provide information on insulation offers for residents (immediately after the Launch event at 10.30am-12.30pm, and at 2.00-4.00pm). A representative from the Council's Insulation scheme will highlight the offer, and residents will get immediate help with online applications. During the day, Hanover10:10 will see how any barriers can be overcome – whether they are experienced by tenants, landlords or home-owners. **The first 50 attendees will be offered a free Personal Insulation Pack worth £100, and the opportunity for other measures.**
- **Start of a series of Student Projects:** work with the University of Brighton will enable a series of student projects, each addressing a part of the overall problem in heating and insulating this old Victorian building, that was never designed with energy conservation in mind.

Quotes:

University of Brighton Student Volunteer – Matt Jones:

"I am very interested in developing my transferable skills and this project offers me the opportunity to experience the issues related with low carbon retrofit and to experience working within the community in promoting sustainability".

University of Brighton Student Volunteer – Sam Trott

"This project has offered me the opportunity to work on a live project, to apply the skills I have learnt throughout my degree and to interact with the users of the building and the wider community with the aim of reducing the carbon footprint of the building"

Dr Jon Gates, University of Brighton: *"The project provided an excellent opportunity for our students to contribute to the wider community on the issue of sustainability which is a strong theme in their degree programmes".*



Coordinator of Hanover10:10 – Paul Norman: “*Students are at the heart of the Hanover Community, so we are delighted to be working with the University and its students on positive practical projects that will give the student volunteers a real taste of the world of work while contributing to the wider community*”.

All will be available on the day to talk to any Press.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Hanover Centre Carbon RACE aims to raise the awareness of energy costs, use and associated carbon at the Centre and identify carbon reduction measures. The Centre is built in a similar fashion to the residential housing stock, so we are working on problems that many residents will be grappling with. Therefore, we hope the project on the building will enable wider reductions in energy and CO2 emissions. The long-term objectives of this Hanover Community Centre building project are to:

- reduce energy and water use in the building
- enhance the comfort of the users
- contribute to securing the building’s long-term future

10:10 continues to campaign to encourage people and organisations to cut carbon emissions 10% year-on-year, to mitigate climate change. Energy is one of the highest contributors to the carbon footprint of residential communities and its rising cost is a major contributor to fuel poverty.

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Notes to Editors

1. The launch of the ‘Hanover Centre Carbon RACE’ is at the Hanover Centre, Southover Street on Saturday 25th February, at 10.30am.
2. The Hanover Centre Carbon RACE is a collaboration between Hanover10:10 and the local Hanover Community Centre. See: www.hasl.org.uk/carbon-race.html
3. Hanover1010 is an ‘action group’ of Hanover Action for Sustainable Living (HASL) a local community group in Hanover. See www.hasl.org.uk/hanover-1010.html
4. Event is hosted by Hanover 10:10 with the Insulation Workshops financially supported by Brighton & Hove Council.
5. Community University Partnership Programme (CUPP) aims to create sustainable partnerships that provide an enduring benefit to local communities and to the University of Brighton. See: www.brighton.ac.uk/cupp/