SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON ECO-HOUSING:
Building new collaborations in eco-housing research and practice: geography, architecture and environmental sciences

Thursday 29th September 2011

Venue: University of Leicester
Time: 10.30am – 5.00pm

Registration: To book a place please contact: Jenny Pickerill (j.pickerill@le.ac.uk)

There is no charge for the seminar. A limited number of bursaries are available. Please email Jenny Pickerill: j.pickerill@le.ac.uk

Academics, policy makers, and professional practitioners are welcome at this event and it is intended to be of use to those interested in the research, politics, and practical issues of contemporary eco-housing in Britain.

The purpose of this seminar and workshop is to bring together a diverse range of approaches to eco-housing and encourage discussion across the disciplinary boundaries of geography, architecture and environmental sciences, and between academics and practitioners. There are many overlaps and synergies between the different research into sustainable housing which would benefit from more collaborative exploration. There are complex dynamics between people, technology, structures and politics in the creation and occupation of eco-housing. The interplay between built environments and individual behaviours trigger questions about understandings of home, the importance of design, perceptions of technology, and how places are experienced and lived in. Academics, policy makers, and professional practitioners are welcome at this event and it is intended to be of use to those interested in the research, politics, and practical issues of contemporary eco-housing in Britain. This seminar and workshop will create a space to share and learn about contemporary debates in eco-housing.

The day will begin with talks from four key speakers:

- Elanor Warwick (Architect and former Head of Research at the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment [CABE]) on ‘Kit, people or places? What counts in sustainable housing?’
- Dr Sophie Hadfield-Hill, Dr John Horton and Dr Peter Kraftl (Geographers, Northampton and Leicester Universities) on ‘Young people and ‘sustainable’ urban design: experiences, perceptions and urban myths’
- Dr Jenny Pickerill (Geographer, Leicester University) on ‘The culture of low cost eco-building’
- Dr Janet Jackson (Environmental Scientist, Northampton University)

This will be followed by a panel and open discussion with Dr Behzad Sodagar (Architecture, Lincoln University) and Dr Louise Reid (Geography and Housing, St Andrews University).