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## AUTUMN EVENTS TO INSPIRE

After a busy six months since its grand-opening opening, the National Self Build & Renovation Centre in Swindon is kicking off the autumn season with some new events to inspire, educate and inform self builders and renovators across the UK.

The Centre, which opened to the public in February 2007, is the home for self builders and renovators who need inspiration, education, or just information. Welcoming thousands of visitors through its doors in the last six months, the 67,000sq ft Centre has announced a new season of events to help beat the winter blues and inspire budding self-builders and renovators

Starting with the Self Build and Renovation Show on 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October, the events will provide a refreshing mix of “know how and show how” to visitors, presented by experts in interactive seminars and live demonstrations.

The Show has four key elements, each with an emphasis on participation and interaction, allowing visitors to:

DESIGN – bring their ideas and plans to life through sessions with CAD designers

MEET – Visitors will have time to discuss plans and requirements in detail with product and service suppliers and to get answers to their questions, through

face-to-face consultations and through the seminar programme

SEE & HEAR – how a house is constructed or renovated by interacting with the exhibits and using the audio guide

LEARN – practical skills through live Trade Skills demonstrations

The centre will also be celebrating everything 'eco' during Eco Week, (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November). As the topic of sustainability, climate change and looking after the environment remains high on the agenda, The National Self Build & Renovation Centre aims to de-mystify the use of these methods, materials and technologies and look at the reality of inclusion of products in terms of planning, costs and payback.

As part of Eco Week, the Centre will be actively engaging with the local communities, running a competition for local schools and colleges to "create the eco house of the future", as well as inviting a host of celebrities, government ministers and local authority representatives to talk on a wide ranging programme of topics to educate and enthuse those thinking about or already undertaking self building or renovation.

Tim Doherty, Regional Director, comments: "As we move into the second half of the Centre's first year, we have gained fantastic insight into what our visitors enjoy most. We are very confident that we can deliver bigger and more vibrant events in Autumn 2007 and Spring 2008 to engage and inspire our customers and make their self build and renovation journey that little bit easier."

To register for tickets and for more information, log on to [www.mykindofhome.co.uk](http://www.mykindofhome.co.uk) or call 08700 600 100