



In association with The Bournemouth & Poole College, Save Energy Group organised the second in a series of joint events for the professional development of Architects and Developers on the subject of renewable technologies. The sessions are designed to arm industry professionals with the tools and knowledge that will assist them in putting an environmental stamp on the homes and commercial buildings of tomorrow.

The new £1.2m STEM Centre at The College's North Road Campus in Poole, Dorset proved a dynamic venue for the event. The STEM Centre – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, incorporates an entire suite of rooms and theatres for students and mature students to learn more about these incredibly efficient and carbon reducing products. Attendee and member of The Green Knowledge Network, Sam Flavel from Climateq commented: "The new STEM Centre will not only be a superb training facility for those wishing to pursue careers within the environmental sector, but also offers a valuable resource for local businesses seeking training and advice on the latest energy saving and renewable technologies. Just what the area needs to further secure its position as the emerging green capital of the country."

The College renewable energy lecturer, Steve Stafford, began the first of the presentations covering Solar Photovoltaic Panels, Solar Thermal, Heat Pumps, Rain Water Harvesting, Voltage Optimisation and Electric Vehicle charging points. Steve was followed by Save Energy's Jason Adams on the subject of The Code of Sustainable Homes and the companies Commercial Business Manager, Wolf Dietrich, on the benefits of including renewables early in the design process for better integration and reduced costs. The company then shared recent installations, including work with The Crown Estate in Blandford Forum and Colmar Construction's in-roof solar PV system on new builds at Canford Cliffs in Poole, Dorset.

The STEM Centre provided a comfortable, warm environment thanks to a renewable source, Air Source Heat Pump, for the heating and hot water requirements of the entire building. Invitees were notably impressed with their surroundings and benefitted from a tour of the STEM Centre

following the presentation agenda.

The next event will be hosted at Save Energy's showroom in Poole, Dorset and places can be booked via lynda.sparks@saveenergygroup.co.uk