



Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
Your Assurance of Responsible Sourcing

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World Architecture Festival 2018

IN November 2018, the Best Use of Certified Timber Prize, supported by PEFC, was awarded for the first time at the World Architecture Festival. The winner was announced at a gala dinner held in Amsterdam. The prize recognises architects and project teams using certified timber as a main construction material and rewards outstanding sustainability, innovation, quality and aesthetics.

The judges were impressed with the high quality of projects submitted for the award. In total, 40 architects from over 20 countries entered projects for the prize. The winning project, which used PEFC-certified, cross-laminated

timber (CLT), International House in Sydney, was designed by Tzannes Architecture.

At seven storeys, International House is the world's tallest all-commercial building constructed solely from engineered timber. It catches the eye with its clear glass façade that generates interest by revealing the interior timber structure. Representing a very low carbon outcome, both in construction and operation, the building sets new standards in sustainable construction. With certified timber as the main construction material, the building has sequestered large amounts of carbon in its fabric.



The sheer variety and geographic diversity of the projects entered into the prize confirmed that the use of certified wood is a rapidly growing global trend. PEFC certification provides architects and building designers with confidence and assurances that the timber has been sourced responsibly from well managed forests.

Responsible Timber Sourcing CPD

ARE YOU a building designer, specifier or contractor who specifies timber for your projects? If so, you will be aware that using timber from well managed forests that meet internationally recognised sustainability standards such as PEFC's, is a pre-requisite for achieving environmental assessment standards such as BREEAM, LEED and Ska.

To help designers and specifiers learn more about responsible timber sourcing, PEFC will be sponsoring an accredited one-hour CPD course at this year's Surface Design Show.

The workshop will be presented by Charlie Law who has worked in the construction sector for over 30 years. It will provide participants with a better understanding of:

-  The background to forest certification
-  The UK timber market and sources, and the market drivers for certified timber
-  The requirements of the UK government's timber procurement policy – CPET
-  What a model timber specification clause looks like

-  How Chain of Custody certification works, and the information you need to see.

The seminar take place at the Surface Design Show CPD Hub, at the Business Design Centre, London on **Wednesday 6th February at 2.30pm**. Admission is free but pre-registration <https://bit.ly/2ETLUNB> for the show is required. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/2SVB10w>



Structural Timber Awards 2018

City of London Freemen's School swimming pool

LAST YEAR, we once again sponsored the Structural Timber Awards Education Project of the Year. At a buzzing awards ceremony in October – held at the Birmingham NCC, Alun Watkins was delighted to present the winner's award to structural engineering firm Eckersley O'Callaghan, for the City of London Freemen's School project.

The £8 million building houses a 25m long six-lane swimming pool at the school in Ashted, Surrey. It was engineered by Eckersley O'Callaghan in close collaboration with architects Hawkins Brown and glulam supplier Wiehag.

The scheme used PEFC-certified spruce glulam and cross laminated timber (CLT). All the exposed glulam and CLT was finished with a white wash coating. Using glulam in swimming pools is very common due to its natural resistance and aesthetic qualities. The challenging brief meant designing a large pool building that needed to be sensitively located to minimise impact on the school's woodland landscape.

Congratulations to Eckersley O'Callaghan and all those involved for delivering such a wonderful building with certified timber at its core.

Timber Technology Focus for Stakeholder Day

OUR Annual Stakeholder Day was held in October. The theme of the 2018 event was innovation and technology in the forest products sector. The keynote speaker was Anthony Thistleton, partner at award-winning practice Waugh Thistleton Architects. His presentation demonstrated how engineered wood products such as CLT and glulam are changing the face of our cities and influencing contemporary architecture.

Richard Burnett, from PEFC-certified paper manufacturer James Cropper, showed how disposable coffee cups generated at Selfridge's Oxford Street HQ and store, could be upcycled. The used cups are recycled into paper which is then converted into the store's distinctive yellow carrier bags. The final product contains 20 per cent recycled cup fibre - the equivalent of an 8oz cup - while the rest is PEFC certified.

Our colleague from PEFC Spain, Ana Noriega, surprised some participants with the revelation

that fibres from cypress, beech and eucalyptus trees can all be used to make yarn for clothing – the most popular cellulose fibres are Viscose, Modal and Lyocell. These forest-based materials use considerably less energy and water in the manufacturing process compared to cotton and other synthetic fibres.

Finally, as the drive to embed technical solutions in both the construction and forestry sectors continues, Robin Askey from EnviroSense, explored the future role that developing technologies such as Blockchain might play in the forest certification sector.

We are grateful to James Latham, SGS and AB Packaging for their sponsorship of the event.



Ana Noriega of PEFC Spain at the Annual Stakeholder Day

Futurebuild 2019

ARE YOU planning to visit Futurebuild at London's Excel centre in March? If yes, then why not escape the crowds for an hour and join us for a free lunchtime seminar. We will be hosting a Responsible Timber Sourcing CPD at the Novotel Hotel, a two-minute walk from Excel and will be providing lunch. The fully accredited CPD is open to architects, specifiers and contractors and certificates of attendance will be awarded.

Participants will be able to learn why certified timber is increasingly being specified in both public and private sector procurement policies to provide assurances of legal and sustainable

timber sourcing. The seminar will take place at the Novotel London Excel, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1AA on **Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 1pm**. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to reserve a place, please e-mail:

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PEFC UK COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

Fine Décor Wallcoverings



FINE DÉCOR WALLCOVERINGS LTD is a market leading, wallpaper manufacturer and distributor. Founded in 1910 by the Jackson family, its Victoria Mills factory is located in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. The company has been PEFC chain of custody for a number of years.

The company's technical and production team continually review its operations for opportunities to improve in four key

areas: quality, ethics, health and safety and sustainability. Becoming PEFC-certified 15 years ago was the first step Fine Décor took as a business, to ensure environmentally-responsible raw materials sourcing. Since 2003, they have observed discernible shifts in public opinion, with consumers increasingly expecting assurances of responsible sourcing and increased recognition of the PEFC label. For more information visit www.finedecor.com

PEFC UK Sponsors TRADA's University Challenge

PEFC UK is proud to sponsor TRADA's 2019 University Challenge. As the world's leading forest certification system, we recognise the importance of raising awareness of responsible sourcing to those specifying wood for their projects.

As today's students will be tomorrow's design and construction professionals, sponsorship will enable us promote the importance of specifying responsibly-sourced timber. We are delighted that the event will be held in our home city of Sheffield.

TRADA's University Challenge 2019 is a great opportunity for students to engage with timber industry leaders and gain practical insights into working with timber, and for the design and industry professionals to engage with the timber talent of tomorrow. For more information on the competition visit:

<https://bit.ly/2SFk7ni>

FIRA Annual Reception

IN September, Alun, attended the Furniture Industry Research Association's (FIRA) Annual reception at the House of Lords. Alun, who chairs the Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme (FISP), joined 250 guests from across the furniture sector.



Irish Stakeholder Workshops

IN March, PEFC UK will be joining forces with our colleagues from PEFC Ireland to host our first stakeholder seminars in Ireland. The first will take place in Belfast on Wednesday 6th March at the Europa Hotel and the second will be held in Dublin on Thursday 7th March at the Radisson Blu St Helens.



drivers for certified forest products. They are free to attend but places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis, so early registration is recommended. Past participants have included Chain of Custody administrators, marketing and sales people from certified companies as well as end users

such as retailers, contractors and brand owners. Both half day seminars will cover a range of topics including Sustainable Forest Management, Chain of Custody certification, the use of the PEFC label and the market

Further details can be found on our website:

<https://bit.ly/2SpGw70>

PEFC Standard Revisions Update

THE PEFC General Assembly approved the revised Sustainable Forest Management standard (PEFC ST 1003:2018) and the Group Forest Management (PEFC ST 1002:2018) standard in November 2018. The most significant change to the SFM standard is the inclusion of the Trees Outside Forests Appendix (TOF). This will make PEFC certification accessible to the millions of farmers, smallholders and from a UK perspective, local authorities, that do not own or manage forests, but rather have trees on agricultural land or in urban areas that were previously outside the scope of certification.

We have also expanded our social requirements in the revised standard. There is now greater emphasis on human rights, including a stepwise

approach to living wages and the promotion of gender equality. Working conditions must be regularly monitored and adapted as necessary. In addition, employment policies must include equal opportunities and be non-discriminatory. The new standard also includes an enhanced definition of ecologically important forest areas. It aims to support climate-positive practices and strictly limits the reforestation or afforestation of ecologically important non-forest areas. For further information on both standards please see <https://bit.ly/2EOxk8G>

The PEFC Chain of Custody standard is still being revised and is expected to be endorsed at the PEFC General Assembly in November 2019.



UKFCG Gains PEFC

THE UK Forest Certification Group (UKFCG), has recently achieved PEFC certification on behalf of its group scheme members. UKFCG is the largest independent forest certification group in the UK. Its current membership of 140 private forests and estates, totals around 60,000 hectares with annual timber production of around 500,000 tonnes. Group members' forests range from small lowland mixed woodlands to urban woodlands and upland production forests, in locations from Kent and Cornwall in the south to the Scottish Highlands.

At a ceremony in Sheffield last month, PEFC UK's Alun Watkins, presented a Sustainable Forest Management certificate to UKFCG Directors Phil Webb and Paul Sandys. The presentation was made at Sheffield City Council's Ecclesall Wood. Welcoming UKFCG's certification, Alun expressed his delight that UKFCG has achieved PEFC Forest Management certification. The additional hectareage brings the PEFC-certified area in the UK to almost 1.5 million hectares. As our home city is Sheffield, we are particularly pleased that the certified group includes Sheffield City Council.

Meet PEFC UK

Surface Design Show 2019
Responsible Timber Procurement CPD
6th February 2019
Business Design Centre, London
<https://bit.ly/2Q3lylR>

Futurebuild 2019
Responsible Timber Procurement CPD
6th March 2019
Novotel Excel, Royal Victoria Dock,
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Stakeholder Seminar
6th March 2019
Europa Hotel, Belfast
<https://bit.ly/2SpGw7Q>

Stakeholder Seminar
7th March 2019
Radisson Blue St Helens Hotel
<https://bit.ly/2SpGw7Q>

Annual Field Trip
15-16th May 2019
Dryfesdale Hotel, Lockerbie
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Annual Contractor Field Trip
12th June 2019
Windsor Estate
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