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Highlights

PHD student examines the experiences of Active House with demonstration projects



As part of the EU Marie Curie project “[Innovation for Sustainability \(I4S\)](#)”, Lara Anne Hale explored in her PHD thesis the experimental development of the Active House standard for sustainable building incorporating human well-being. The dissertation investigates how the [Active House Alliance](#) experiments with demonstration houses in order to develop a sustainable building standard for a trifecta: environment, energy, and comfort. In other words, it examines how they use experiments (building, then building again) to best synergize the three and holistically improve building practice.

In three articles Lara studied how building experiments are used to commensurate building qualities like comfort; bridge default rules in building design with consumer awareness; and further the co-design of building technology systems. These articles are tied together under the auspice of experimental governance - a synergy of public and private organizations' learnings, adaptations, and guidance - as paving transitional pathways to sustainability.

Lara Hale will be defending her PHD thesis on 28 April at the Copenhagen Business School. Follow the discussion on Twitter [@lonefeifer!](#)

Read Lara's blog on her PHD thesis: Experimental Standards in Sustainability Transitions [here](#) or [here](#).

Active House goes to China - Lone Feifer, Active House Secretary General, speaks at the Green Building Conference 2017 in Beijing



The Active House Alliance participated to the [Green Building Conference in China](#) at the end of March.

The Active House Secretary General Lone Feifer delivered a key note speech in plenary session on [‘tomorrows buildings today’](#) with a focus on how to build a healthier, cleaner and safer future during the integrated programme of the Green Building Conference in China. In particular, she highlighted that in order to build healthy and sustainable houses it is important to focus on the needs of local end-users, the comfort of the internal design, the ventilation systems and the energy efficient systems.

‘My key point was how important it is that we do not neglect the use of a building, and that the users are in focus of designing and dimensioning sustainable buildings. Putting people first is a verb in Mandarin – ‘yǐrénwéiběn’ [以人為本](#) translates into treating people as the most important. Supporting the point with several graphs, decimals and real life cases which have been scrutinized in use, results researched thoroughly. The message echoed very positively, many kindred spirits and sustainable soul mates in China.’ she explained.

In the same context, on 22 March the Active House Symposium took place on green building research and practice. A number of speakers from a.o. Tsinghua University, OPEN architecture studio presented, alongside an outline of the Active House principles by Lone.

Read Lone's blog on her experience in China: [Putting people first – Reflections on a revisit to Beijing for talks on sustainable buildings](#)



Marco Imperadori presents the Active House case studies to architects at the Macau conference



The seminar on "Architecture and Sustainable Technique" organized by Albergue SCM (president architect Carlos Marreiros, former Minister of culture in Macau), Association of Architects and Association of Engineers took place in Macau at the end of March. At the conference have attended around 300 people and it was organized in a cycle of conferences valid for the professionals credits which are now compulsory in Macau.

Active House was selected as innovative approach to be illustrated as general method. Professor Marco Imperadori from Politecnico di Milano presented important Active House Alliance case studies and finally some case studies designed by himself and his team embracing the Active House principles.



Market updates

First Danish Active House labelled project by KFS Boligbyg opens

This month KFS Futura® Vision became the very first project to receive the Active House label in Denmark.

The house is located in Solbjerg near Aarhus, Denmark and it has been built by the Danish company KFS Boligbyg A/S.

This project focuses on a well-balanced high quality life.

To learn more about this project check out their description [here](#), they participated to last year's Active House label contest. To visit the house in 3D, click [here](#).





Projects

Announcement of Jury members in Active House Awards 2017

In April the Active House Alliance invited six well-recognised architects to join the jury in the Active House Awards 2017. Today we have the honour to announce the distinguished jury members as follows: Bas Hasselaar, SBRCURnet (The Netherlands); Eileen Meyer, ActiveHousetalia (Italy); Prof. Marco Imperadori,

Politecnico di Milano (Italy); Rory Bergin, HTA Design LLP (United Kingdom); Shaun Joffe, Great Gulf Homes Limited & Brockport Home Systems (Canada); and Trine Richter, designer of Green House Solution – winner of Active House Awards 2016 (Denmark).

The jury members, in their professional capacity and competence within sustainable buildings, will evaluate the incoming projects submitted by professional house builders, developers, and architects, and will shortlist 5 projects in cooperation with the Alliance. The shortlisted projects will be interviewed and investigated in depth by the jury, who will choose the winner and possible mentions. The awarded projects will receive an Active House Label as prize together with a diploma and publicity via Active House Alliance channels. The prize giving ceremony will be held during the Active House Symposium on 27-28 September, held at the winning project from 2016: Green Solution House on Bornholm.

Find out more about the Active House Label Awards [here](#) and learn more about the professional background of our jury members in our next newsletter edition!

RenovActive presented to His Majesty the King of the Belgians and to the Crown Prince of Denmark



In the context of the visit of the Belgian King & Queen to Denmark, the RenovActive project was presented at the Confederation of Danish Industry by CEO of the VELUX Group, Jørgen Tang-Jensen. The visit covered themes within sustainable development, renewable energy & smart cities, and healthcare.

Jørgen Tang-Jensen mentioned RenovActive in Belgium as a real case example to show how to renovate a house into a nice healthy living space at an affordable price.

Have a look [here](#) to learn more about the visit. Learn more about RenovActive [here](#).

Policy updates

Active House Policy Working Group programme, mandate & activities

On 27 March the Board of Directors (BOD) gave mandate to the Active House's new Policy Workgroup (PW). The members of the PW will strive to position the Active House Alliance as an influential and reliable partner on policies and requirements to buildings while keeping a general and holistic focus on topics towards energy and comfort in buildings. The Workgroup will give special attention to activities that secure that the Active House

principles are reflected in European strategies and legislation.

The PW's annual activities will be determined in its Work Programme (WP) grouped around key topics such as developing specific positions, advising the EU institutions on binding provisions and technical requirements (e.g. Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), sustainable building indicators), establishing relation with like-minded stakeholders, and securing representation at conferences and other policy-related events. The WP's first Work Programme has been developed by the members in the past weeks, on which basis the activities have already kicked off.

Should you be interested in more details about the ongoing work of the WP, please contact the Chair of the Working Group at: kurt.emil.eriksen@activehouse.info.

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