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Zarja, HLM

KEY POINTS

Zarja Krevelj, Architectural Technologist at HLM, spoke about the work that the BE-Changemakers Sustainability Group has done. Looking at "Alt_Futures" in various locations across Scotland, they are questioning the what-ifs to designing for future communities. Focusing on Glasgow, Zarja explored how layering different interventions must be met with a cultural shift to build stewardship into the successful outcomes.

BE Changemakers
Sustainability Group
recap

- Glasgow's tenements are in need of retrofitting, but what is the best way to secure resilience for these typologies?
- A fabric first approach is needed to tackle fuel poverty primarily, and secure internal comfort.
- Adding sustainable technologies such as heat pumps and solar panels helps decarbonise and deliver energy security.
- Finally, a re-imagining of shared public space should bring in ideas of community food growing to bring people together.
- All of these interventions will only work if people buy in to the process, therefore community engagement is central.





Robert, MSA

KEY POINTS

Robert Alexander Colvin, formerly of Hoskins and currently a design tutor at the Mackintosh School of Architecture, is engaged in linking the educational programme of Architecture, with the current industry best practice and the knowledge tradespeople will need to deliver a sustainable future for Scotland. His latest project, New Future Construction School, aims to bring this threads together through a network of social benefit enterprises that delivers education and training required to thrive in a low-carbon and socially equitable society.

- Only a handful of mandatory regulations that look at sustainable measures; they are not progressive enough.
- The UK government is not being ambitious and cowing to industry lobbyists trying to water down sustainability targets.
- Current architectural schooling does not promote sustainability enough, including the ARB.
- There is an extraordinary need for skilled tradespeople to successfully deliver the retrofit action needed. However, tradespeople are not focused on sustainability.
- A mix of regulation and training is the best way to grow the retrofit market and fix the skills shortage.

Robin, Graven

KEY POINTS

Robin Ellis, Senior Designer at Graven, showcased her concept to re-imagine lost or empty spaces in the heart of cities.

Swap City is a concept for balancing out the spatial needs of a city whilst benefiting people and places.

By utilising vacant spaces for mixed uses, Swap City aims to bring vibrancy to communities and build on the success of a new hybrid way of working.

A future where workers, employers, community and planet are respected.

- The key problem in cities is there is too much empty office space, and not enough housing.
- Swap City looks to invert this by retrofitting commercial spaces in the city centre into affordable living spaces, whilst also bringing flexible workspace to the outer regions of a city.
- Balancing the needs of those who might not be able to commute easily, with the wants of those who might prefer city-centre living Swap City is bringing vibrancy to each area by creating places which aren't mono-cultures.
- Working with existing places only, reducing any need for new builds.



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