

SCOTTISH HOUSING INNOVATION SHOWCASE TO EXHIBIT AT ECOBUILD

Visitors to Britain's biggest construction exhibition will have the chance to learn about a pioneering

Scottish housing development next year with the decision by **Housing Innovation Showcase 2012** to exhibit at Ecobuild in London next March.



Housing Innovation Showcase is a £3.3m project which will trial different new construction technologies with a view to using the best methods and systems in mainstream affordable housing programmes.

Twenty-seven new homes are under construction on the Housing Innovation Showcase site in Dunfermline, Fife. The showcase is a joint venture between **Kingdom Housing Association** and **Fife Council** and enjoys the support of Fife Construction Forum and Green Business Fife.

A key element of the development will be a comprehensive monitoring programme of the performance of the different systems, and a comparative analysis of the benefits of different renewable energy options and other enhanced specifications on some of the properties.

Douglas Gray, Chairperson of Kingdom, said: "We are very pleased to be exhibiting at Ecobuild, the world's biggest event for sustainable design, construction and the built environment. We believe that by carefully trialing and evaluating new technologies and construction systems both system providers and RSLs will learn lessons that can be incorporated into that mainstream of affordable housing construction in Britain.

"Housing Innovation Showcase 2012 will fly the flag for Fife and for Scotland and we will welcome visitors from across the country to the site at Dunfermline. When the homes have been completed they will be showcased in an exhibition complete with seminars to examine the different technologies employed."

Preferred partners in the showcase are Assist / Powerwall; Future Affordable, a partnership between Springfield Properties, David Blaikie Architects and Kraft Architects; Bobin Developments / BecoWallform system; CCG Scotland / IQ system; Champion Homes working with Scotframe, Scottish Passivhaus Centre and the Porotherm system; Cube Re:treat, a collaboration by Cube Architects, Dryburgh Associates and John Heaney Builders; Lomond Homes / Breathing Wall system; and the Stewart Milne Group / Sigma II system.

Councillor Brian Goodall, Chair of the Council's Housing & Communities Committee and Fife Housing Partnership added: "I hope that Housing Innovation Showcase will attract visitors from across the country and I am confident that the initiative will deliver great results which will help shape the way future affordable housing is delivered across the country. Taking part in the Ecobuild exhibition will help to get the message across."