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You are warmly invited to Queen's University's annual

# SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

## **MATERIALS MATTER:**

A DEEP DIVE INTO MATERIAL  
INNOVATION, CIRCULARITY,  
AND LOW IMPACT DESIGN.

TUES 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

8.45 AM – 1.15 PM

Mandela Hall, One Elmwood,  
Queen's Student Union,  
77 University Road,  
Belfast, BT7 1NF

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8.45 – 9.30      **Arrival and Registration – Breakfast Provided**

9.30 – 9.40      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Michael Alcorn MBE | Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Sustainability and Strategic Projects, Queen's University Belfast.

9.40 – 10.25      **Session 1**

**Buildings as Material Banks, Reuse and Circularity**

Duncan Baker-Brown | Founder, BakerBrown, RIBA Council, University of Brighton.

**How NOT to waste buildings focusing on retrofit case studies**

Richard Nelson | Co-Founder, Don't Waste Buildings, Founder & MD, Abyss Global and Scott Farrar | Case Studies Lead, Don't Waste Buildings, Associate & Sustainability Lead, Scott Brownrigg.

10.25 – 10.45      **Panel 1 Q&A**

Richard Nelson, Scott Farrar, Duncan Baker-Brown and joined by Emma Houston | Project Associate, Troup Bywaters & Anders.

10.45 – 11.25      **Session 2**

**Reuse, Circularity and Innovation at Entopia**

Ann-Marie Fallon | Co-Director Passivhaus Trust, Mentor Architype, BE-ST Board Member, Coaction Trainer.

**Can Concrete Decarbonise?**

Dr Fragkoulis Kanavaris | Global Lead, Concrete Materials and Decarbonisation, ARUP.

11.25 – 11.50 **Break – Tea and Coffee – 25mins**

11.50 – 12.10 **Part 2 Panel Q&A**

Ann-Marie Fallon, Dr Fragkoulis Kanavaris and joined by Dr Rory Doherty | Reader in Environmental Engineering, Queen's University Belfast.

12.10 – 12.50 **Session 3**

**Timber goes 'Mainstream'**

Sam Hart | Associate Director, *Housing & Manufacturing, BE-ST.*

**Good Practice Measures in Fit-out**

Heather Evans | Partner, Head of Sustainability, Global Chair Sustainability Committee at *Rider Levett Bucknall*.

12.50 – 13.10 **Panel 3 Q&A**

Sam Hart, Heather Evans and joined by Emma McKenna | Head of Sustainable Manufacturing, *AMIC, Queen's University Belfast*.

13.10 – 13.15 **Closing Remarks**

Sara Lynch | Head of Sustainability, *Queen's University Belfast*.

