Net zero forum: Application form

**1. Introduction to the Net Zero Forum**

UKGBC’s Net Zero Forum brings together industry professionals who are actively working on net zero within the built environment to share learnings, find solutions, and collectively make progress. The intention of the Net Zero Forum is to create a supportive community of peers from within the UKGBC membership to explore shared challenges with achieving net zero carbon and discuss the solutions to them.

As ‘net zero’ is a broad term, the forum will be split into sub-groups on specific topics. Collaborative and informal meetings will be held monthly for a period of six-months for each topic. Topics will be repeated should there be high demand.

 **Target Audience**

The Net Zero Forum is open to individuals at UKGBC member organisations who are actively working on topics and projects directly related to the relevant sub-group area. Members are required to describe their work and provide updates at each forum meeting on progress. They will be expected to be actively engaged and attend at least 4 of the 6 sub-group meetings. For diversity of thought, there will be a maximum of 2 individuals per organisation who are able to join the forum.

**Format**

The Net Zero Forum will start with two sub-groups, from October and lasting for six months each:

• **Non-Domestic Retrofit**: Building upon UKGBC’s ongoing non-domestic retrofit workstream, this is a sub-group to support our members who work on the retrofit of existing non-domestic buildings. Either as a designer, engineer, consultant, contractor, owner, facilities manager, local authority, national government representative, or developer.

• **Whole Life Carbon Modelling**: Building upon UKGBC’s embodied carbon workstream, this is a sub-group to support our members who actively undertake whole life carbon assessments. With the recent update to the RICS WLCA Professional Standard, and the upcoming Net Zero Carbon Building Standard, this sub-group is to share learnings and challenges when undertaking WLC modelling. The sub-group is aimed at designers, engineers, consultants, and building owners.

UKGBC’s forums are led by our members. This means that the space to discuss, learn, and share is led and directed by you, for your interests and benefit. In practice, UKGBC helps to facilitate and arrange the forum events, however each meeting (usually online) is chaired and led by a UKGBC member. If you are interested in joining the forum then please also consider whether you would like to also play a leading role in chairing the discussions.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The Net Zero Forum sub-group meetings will take place online on the second to last Wednesday of every month. The Non-Domestic Retrofit meeting will take place from 14:30-15:30 and the Whole Life Carbon Modelling meeting will follow from 16:00-17:00. The first set of meetings will take place on the 23rd of October, running until the 19th of March.

**2. How individuals can join the Forum**

**Applicant Criteria**

* Work for a UKGBC member organisation.
* Be actively engaged in net zero in the built environment.
* Represent your sector / area of expertise in workshops and discussions and leverage your knowledge network to link to existing or ongoing work that can contribute to the Forum.

We encourage applicants from businesses and organisations across the built environment to ensure a diverse range of views and perspectives in the forum. These include investors, developers, contractors, engineers, architects, planners, academic researchers and the public sector.

**Application Procedure**

This application is for the Non-Domestic Retrofit and Whole Life Carbon Modelling sub-groups, running until March 2025. Future calls to apply will be publicised at any time when a new sub-group is upcoming. To apply, please email ANZ@ukgbc.org using the template below:

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| **Full name** |  |
| **Job Title and Department** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Please specify which sub-group(s) you are interested in:**1. **Non-domestic retrofit**
2. **Whole life carbon modelling**
3. **Other (please specify and we will use this feedback to feed into development of future sub-groups)**
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| **Please explain your relevant knowledge, experience, and skills for this Forum (max 200 words)** |  |
| **Please share information about the net zero projects that you will share with this group (max 100 words).** |  |
| **Are you interested in coordinating/chairing the discussions within your selected sub-group? (UKGBC will support with setting up meetings etc., and will be present at each Forum meeting)**  |  |
| Applicants will be chosen based on their experience, whilst seeking to ensure a diversity of individuals within the Forum. UKGBC is committed to actively targeting a diverse representation in the composition of all project groups. We want to be inclusive to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, or political beliefs. |

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