Net zero forumS: Application form

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

UKGBC’s Net Zero Forums 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 Forums is to create a supportive community of peers from within the UKGBC membership to explore shared challenges with achieving net zero and discuss the solutions to them.

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

**Target Audience**

Net Zero Forums are open to individuals at UKGBC member organisations who are actively working on topics and projects directly related to the relevant sub-group area. Members will have the opportunity to describe and discuss their work at each forum meeting. 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 first Net Zero Forum will start from September and run until March 2026:

• **Supply Chain**: Building on UKGBC’s supply chain decarbonisation workstream, this topic area will provide the opportunity to discuss some of the practical and procedural challenges and successes in supply chain engagement and the promotion of sustainability. Subject matter could include low-carbon materials, data, supplier engagement and procurement. We anticipate the forum as being of particular interest to procurement teams, suppliers and operational teams amongst others.

A further forum is likely to commence in October, formal applications are likely to open towards the end of August, but you may express interest now using the form below:

• **Energy Distribution Systems**: A forum for the discussion of the challenges and opportunities in accessing and integrating evolving energy distribution systems into buildings. Of particular interest to developers, building owners, master planners and operational teams, there will be the opportunity to discuss this topic as an evolving systemic issue across the built environment, informed by member experience. Topic areas may also include alignment to issues of climate resilience and energy security amongst others.

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.

**Meeting Dates**

The Supply Chain forum meetings will take place online from 14:00-15:00 on the last Wednesday of every month. Meetings will start on 24 September, running until the 25 March 2026. There will be no meeting in December.

The Energy Distribution Systems forum is likely to commence in October 2025 and run through until March 2026. Specific meeting dates and times will be shared in due course.

**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**

Applications to join the Supply Chain forum will be open until Friday 12 September 2025. Future calls to apply to join other forums will be publicised in due course. 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. **Supply Chain**
2. **Energy Distribution Systems**
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 forum? (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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