

Embodied Ecological Impacts Forum: Application form

1. Introduction to the Embodied Ecological Impacts Forum

The Embodied Ecological Impacts Forum brings together industry professionals who are interested in and knowledgeable about Embodied Ecological Impacts. The forum is a space for sharing insights, aligning efforts and discussing emerging practices and challenges for reducing embodied ecological impacts of the built environment. This includes looking at biodiversity loss, land-use change, resource depletion, and ecological degradation.

Desired outcomes include:

- Deepen understanding of ecological consequences of material use and construction choices.
- Building a strong network of professionals working on this topic.
- Created a shared vision of what good looks like for managing embodied ecological impacts.

Target audience

The forum is open to UKGBC member organisations that are currently looking at embodied ecological impacts of the built environment within their work or organisation. This could be from those who are part of or directly related to the supply chain (contractors, manufacturers and suppliers) or those who are involved in the planning and design of projects and influence the use of materials (developers, architects, engineers, consultants). We also welcome applications from academic or innovative stakeholders focused on this topic.

Format

The forum meetings will start in September and meet roughly on a six-week basis. The meetings will provide an opportunity to share successes, challenges, and learnings with the wider group in a confidential setting. Through knowledge sharing, we hope to raise awareness of embodied ecological impacts and understand how we can consider them within design and material selection decisions within the built environment industry.

Knowledge sharing within the group could include sharing examples of practices at organisation or project level, or of relevant research, shared by forum members. Other forum activities could involve discussions to advance thinking and aligning ideas to support the industry in effectively addressing embodied ecological impacts.

Forum members will be asked to submit ideas for presentations on example cases and key topics of discussion to ensure the content shared is relevant and timely. UKGBC will facilitate progress by providing an open and safe space for conversation, coordinating meeting times, physical/online venues, and encouraging members to co-lead the forum. Co-shared responsibilities with forum members may include setting meeting agendas, taking notes, and chairing sessions.

2. How individuals can join the Forum

Applicant Criteria

- Work for a UKGBC member organisation
- Be actively engaged in exploring embodied ecological impacts in the built environment
- Attend all forum meetings. In case of clashing appointments with the set dates, members can appoint a colleague to cover the meeting.
- 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 forum are open year-round. To apply, please email resilience.nature@ukgbc.org using the template below:

Full name	
Job Title and Department	
Organisation	
Please explain your relevant knowledge, experience, and skills for this Forum (<i>max 200 words</i>)	
Please share any involvement with relevant existing, or ongoing industry or academic research, work, or initiatives (<i>max 100 words</i>)	
Please share information about the embodied ecological impact work (strategy, projects, methods) that you will share with this group (max 100 words).	
Applicants will be chosen based on their experience, whilst seeking to ensure a diversity of individuals within the Task Group. 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.	

If you have any questions or would like any further information on the forum, please contact resilience.nature@ukgbc.org.

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