

## Introducing RetrofitWorks: The Good Building Cooperative

Haringey 40:20 is contacting Haringey home owners that may be planning to carry out refurbishment work to make their homes more comfortable and cheaper to run. If you are, you may be interested in taking part in a pilot scheme to help develop RetrofitWorks: a cooperative of local builders and other organisations involved in low energy home refurbishment.

Haringey 40:20 is the Council's initiative aiming to save 40% Carbon by 2020 and develop a sustainable new economy. The Council received a grant from the Department of Energy and Climate Change to fund Parity Projects, established experts in low energy home refurbishment, to develop **RetrofitWorks: the Good Building Cooperative** to help kick start low energy home refurbishment and develop the supply chain in Haringey.

The Cooperative is owned by its members, experienced builders, installers, energy advisers, architects and other building professionals specialising in refurbishment and energy retrofit services. The Cooperative ensures that all members are fully trained.

The Cooperative aims to develop a reliable, high quality and complete retrofit service to Haringey residents who want to make their homes cosy and warm in winter, cheaper to run while supporting experienced local retrofit businesses.

Members want to work together as a trusted local team offering a quality retrofit service installing a variety of energy saving measures including insulation, boilers, double glazed windows and renewable technologies.

### Seeking retrofit projects for the Summer Pilot

This summer Parity Projects & RetrofitWorks are offering retrofit services to a handful of local home owners that are already planning to do refurbishment work and are willing to help test and provide regular feedback on the services being offered by the new Cooperative. It does not matter the size or number of jobs planned, it can be as simple as a boiler change through to a full house refurbishment project.

In return the Cooperative is offering home owners **free of charge** expert retrofit advice, competitive quotation service, specialist retrofit management processes and an experienced project manager on hand to smooth the whole process along.



### **Parity Projects and RetrofitWorks can offer the following support at no additional cost:**

- If you participated in the 40:20 Home Energy Check up or Muswell Hill Low Carbon Loan, the pilot will include a review of your Green Deal Assessment Report or Home Energy Action Plan to agree what measures could be installed.
- Obtain free quotes from members of the RetrofitWorks Cooperative so you can compare prices and pick the builders or installers of choice.
- Free support service from an experienced and qualified Project Manager from Parity Projects, working on behalf of the cooperative, to help co-ordinate and project manage the refurbishment works.
- Free natural external solid wall insulation, supplied by Haringey Council, available on a first come first serve basis and subject to your home's suitability.

### **Who is eligible?**

Your home must be in Haringey and you must own it. The pilot is also open to landlords planning to improve their rental property. The improvement works must be planned to start before the end of October 2013. During the selection process there will be some questions about the physical characteristics of the house, planned works and timescales.

The selection process will take place during August 2013 and the number of residents that can take part will be limited. *If you interested please contact us now.*

### **Want to find out more?**

For more information or to express your interest to take part in the summer pilot, contact Parity Projects & RetrofitWorks directly at [info@retrofitworks.co.uk](mailto:info@retrofitworks.co.uk) or call **0208 874 6433** and ask to speak to Russell or Megan regarding the Haringey summer pilots.

To find out more about **Parity Projects** visit: [www.parityprojects.com](http://www.parityprojects.com)

To find out more about **RetrofitWorks** visit: [www.retrofitworks.co.uk](http://www.retrofitworks.co.uk)

To find out more about **Haringey 40:20** visit: [www.haringey4020.org](http://www.haringey4020.org)

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**Important note:** The Councils role in the pilot is limited to: introducing the cooperative to local residents; help find people to take part and supply free natural solid wall insulation while stocks last. The Council does not take any responsibility for the service offered by Parity Projects or RetrofitWorks.

