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Passive House in Co. Dublin will open its doors to the public

Walsh family participates in Passive House Days event from on Saturday 8th November

In the Walsh family home, extreme energy efficiency is not a possibility but a fact: in their Passive House, they consume just around 10 percent of what conventional homes and buildings need for heating and cooling. At the same time, the house offers a high level of comfort, both in terms of air quality and even temperatures. From 7 to 9 November, people will be able to see and experience for themselves how this is possible – when the Walsh family with their designer and project manager ‘OA Studios’ takes part in the international Passive House Days event this weekend. The doors of their energy-efficient house, located in South Co. Dublin will be opened to the public from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Since the very first Passive House Days event in 2004, tens of thousands of people around the world have already taken the opportunity to visit a Passive House building. The Walsh family is participating in this event for the first time. *‘Experiences with our Passive House have been very positive and we would like to give others the chance to experience it for themselves’*),” says Mr. Walsh. Most questions that people have on this matter can be quickly answered face to face, and misconceptions can also be corrected.



The Front View of a Passive House in Dublin.
Photo: Niall Walsh

The Passive House isn't only an active contribution to the energy revolution; it is also a very attractive investment opportunity for building owners and users. Extra capital investment during the construction phases compensated by the heating and cooling costs saved within just a few years. In addition to low running costs, living comfort is noticeably improved with optimal indoor air quality and comfortable temperatures. The mechanical systems are flexible and easy to operate – as visitors will be able to see for themselves from 7 through 9 November in the property.

The Passive House belonging to the Walsh family was built in 2011. The Walsh family with OA Studios wanted to build a Passive House mainly because they wanted an energy efficient, comfortable, well-built home. The space heating demand is around 15 KWH/(m²A) with a living area of 270 m². "Our monthly heating bill is thus about 10 euros. In a normal house we would have to pay at least 120 euros", says Mr. Walsh

The Passive House Days event is organised by iPHA, the International Passive House Association, established by the Passive House Institute, along with partners in a variety of other countries. An overview of all projects participating in this event can be found online on the Passive House Database at www.passivehouse-database.org, with additional projects visible on www.passivehouse-international.org. The exact viewing dates and times, as well as information on individual projects and names of contact persons are also given here.



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