



Professional Diploma in:
**DOMESTIC RETROFIT
COORDINATION AND RISK MANAGEMENT**



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Georgia talks to us about why the course is so important in achieving improved quality within domestic building retrofit.

There is a clear economic, health and environmental need for a major uptake in housing retrofit in UK, and this is accompanied by clear studies on benefits. Research started in the University of Northampton explores feasible macro-scale interventions that could stimulate sustainable growth within the housing retrofit industry. This research focuses on potential impact from supply-chain innovations in "whole house" improvements. Attendance on the Retrofit Coordinator Diploma proved an excellent opportunity to inform the above the research, particularly with regards to the practical tasks involved in the full completion of a retrofit project.

The course structure provides an overall emphasis on the importance of housing retrofit and addresses the associated implications and barriers; from evaluation to the delivery of a project. Most importantly the courses are taught by professionals with years of experience in the field. As an attendee, no matter your background and role, you are provided both with the opportunity to receive fundamental and topical information, presented in the most articulated way, and you also

have the advantage of your queries instantly answered by experts.

The success of the course also depends in the variety of the attendees from all sectors. In addition to the great networking benefits presented, one is made aware of the knowledge "gaps" within the industry. Most of us might be "experts" to the one field we represent, but do we really understand, or are we even aware of all the considerations that a whole house retrofit requires? The knowledge sharing and gaining between tutors and attendees proves most valuable as you become ever more aware of the direct positive impact that you can have through your professional role.

By the end of the course you feel confident that you comprehend the critical risks involved, the feasible opportunities and gain the awareness of where to access the required information in the future. The course demonstrates the necessity for standardised training for anybody that is involved in housing retrofit. The diploma was an eye-opening experience and I would highly recommend it.