

Expert Panels

Join us throughout the day for captivating presentations from experts eager to share their home energy knowledge with you!

Liam Butters - Ecology Consulting

Liam is a Professional Engineer with an extensive background in energy management. As an Energy Advisor and Certified Energy Manager, he balances sound building science principals with pragmatic realities to help resolve energy efficiency challenges for both homes and businesses.

Mark Bernhardt - Bernhardt Contracting

Mark is President of Bernhardt Contracting and has spent a decade advancing high-performance homes in Canada. A Registered Energy Advisor and Passive House Consultant, he develops tools, educates builders, and encourages Energy Step Code adoption.

Jeffrey Robinson - Canadian Association of Certified Energy Advisors (CACEA)

Jeffrey is an Energy Advisor, former board member of CACEA, and Red Seal Journeyman Carpenter who has provided over 1000 evaluations for new and existing homes since 2016. He is passionate about providing education for those undertaking new construction and renovation projects.

Wendy Wall - Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association (VISOA)

Wendy is the President of the VISOA, a non-profit society that's been providing education and support to strata owners of duplexes, townhouses, and condos across BC for over 50 years. Since 2016, VISOA has been helping strata owners and councils navigate rebates and the legal processes involved for energy retrofits and EV charging.

And more!

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Community Festival

June 7th, 2025 from 11am – 4pm
Woodside Farm, 7149 W Coast Rd, Sooke

PROGRAMME

Family-Friendly!
Free to attend!
Free parking!

Schedule

Expert Panels			Living Library	Expert Alley
Time	Presentation Site 1	Presentation Site 2	All Day! 11am-4pm	All Day! 11am-4pm
Noon-1pm	Liam Butters – Ecology Consulting Your house as a system and what to consider when getting a heat pump	Mark Bernhardt – Bernhardt Contracting Retrofitting towards net zero		
1pm-2pm	Jeffrey Robinson – Canadian Association of Certified Energy Advisors What is an EnerGuide evaluation and when should you get one?	Cameron Lockhart – Carbon-Wise Consulting Planning larger retrofits while avoiding an electric service upgrade		
2pm-3pm	Cameron Lockhart - CarbonWise Consulting Insulation & Air Sealing	Wendy Wall – Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association Planning upgrades for Stratas		

Living Library

Connect with real people and hear their retrofit experiences in the living library. Sit down for a chat with locals who have completed upgrades of all kinds and learn from their successes and challenges!

Our local spotlight includes

Chris, Victoria

Chris upgraded his 1949 home with new heat pump, and new doors and windows, making his home comfortable.

William Gordon, Sooke

William installed solar panels on their home, improving climate resilience and letting them sell energy back to the grid.

Charlotte, Oak Bay

Charlotte upgraded her 1924 home with a heat pump, efficient windows and doors, and added insulation throughout.

We look forward to chatting!

Event Map



Expert Alley

Retrofits are complex, we get it! That's why we've gathered local experts, resources, and support programs together in the Expert Alley. Take your time, chat with experts, and access supports for all sorts of retrofit projects.

Experts include the Home Energy Navigator Program, Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association, Fireweed Learning Commons, PlugIn BC, Canadian Association of Certificate Energy Advisors and more!