

Events Just Around the Corner this March and April

It's not just by following rainbows that we will manifest positive change in our communities: it's through the design, implementation and operation of green buildings! How can we engineer this transition? Working together is how - becoming better practitioners, advocating for better policies and growing our lucky mission-oriented brigade to make a difference. Join us!

A Preview of the Events to Come!

LEED Exam Prep

**Friday, 3/18/16, 8:30am - 5:00pm, 50 Milk St,
17th floor, "Milky Way" room, Boston, MA
02109**



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Preparing for your LEED Green Associate certification? We can help!

This is a fast-paced class for real estate professionals, architects, engineers, students and anyone else interested in green building practices and LEED. The majority of attendees have little previous knowledge of the LEED rating system, green building operations and green building construction. Upon completion of the class employees will be eligible to sit for the LEED Green Associate exam at a local testing center. Please note that the national office has lowered their student rate to \$100 (read more at www.usbgc.org). By passing the exam, employees will earn the LEED Green Associate credential.

If interested in attending a LEED Green Associate Exam Prep class, please email celis@usgbcma.org, groups welcome.

[Get more info about our LEED Exam Prep here!](#)

Upcoming Presinars [in-person webinars!]

- [Buildings are for People: Design Strategies for Occupant Engagement](#) on 3/16, 4:30-6 PM at 50 Milk Street, 17th Floor- Hercules Conf Room, CIC Boston.
- [Green Neighborhoods Through Alleyway and Right-of-way Revitalization](#) on

3/17, 6-7PM at Sustainability Hub- 912 South Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610.

- [Introduction to the SITES Program](#) on 4/20, 4:30-6PM at 50 Milk Street, 17th Floor- Hercules Conf Room, CIC Boston.
- [Pursuit of Net Zero Energy: The Walgreens Experience](#) on 4/21, 6-7PM at Sustainability Hub- 912 South Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610

Quarterly Gathering + St. Patty's Day Celebration

**Thursday, 3/17, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, 50 Milk St,
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We have a lot of events and campaigns in process and each committee will report briefly on what they are working on. This includes:

- Large Event Outlook
- Advocacy campaigns for green building policies
- Our educational programming
- Committee Bandwidth Development and Volunteer Appreciation

The meeting will be immediately followed by a networking and St. Patrick's celebration opportunity at a local establishment.

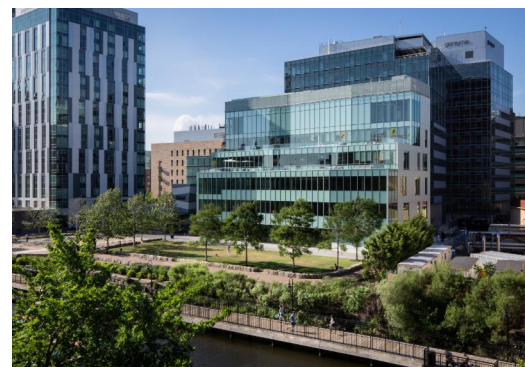
[Register for our Quarterly Gathering here!](#)



450 Kendall Street Tour

**Thursday, 3/24, 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Biomed Realty, 451 Kendall St. Cambridge,
MA 02142**

Join us for a tour of 450 Kendall, led by our sponsoring partners AHA and Arrowstreet. The facility has achieved LEED Gold, making all six of the buildings in BioMed Realty's Kendall Square LEED certified. Kendall Square was a pioneer: this development received a special permit as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) in 1999, before LEED certification was a requirement of special permits. There is only one parcel remaining to be developed, and that lot is currently zoned for a planned performing arts center.



[Register for this building tour here!](#)

A USGBC MA Original: Our COP21 Paris Climate Talks Unconference



Tuesday, 3/29, 8:30am - 12:00pm

50 Milk St, 17th floor, "Milky Way" room, Boston, MA 02109

The USGBC MA Chapter will be hosting a special **COP21 Paris Climate Talks Unconference**, to gather relevant parties to explore how building practitioners are connecting to statewide and national GHG targets.

This is a unique opportunity to discuss the historic 2015 United Nations Congress of the Parties (COP21), held this past December in Paris, France. The provisions and commitments reached in the agreement have global implications for sustainability, climate change, and green building, and certainly warrant a closer examination, extensive analysis, and more discussion.

Panelists who attended the Paris climate talks will be present, with break-out groups led by local issue experts. [See more about the event on our website.](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Building Blueprint: WELL Building Standard (Intro + Discussion)

Thursday, 3/31, 8:00am - 12:00pm, 50 Milk St, 15th floor, "Aristotle" room, Boston, MA 02109

The Chapter is excited to invite the thought leaders and practitioners from our region to join us for a concise introduction to the standard followed by a roundtable discussion. We are excited to welcome professionals from all sectors of the building industry, owners, engineers, builders and occupants interested in the new standard.



We will be watching a segment from the USGBC's Education platform to bring all in the room up to speed on WELL and then having a moderated discussion on the future, impact and evolution of the standard.

[Read more about the event and register here.](#)

Social Equity in the Built Environment

Monday, 4/4, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, 50 Milk St, 15th floor, "Aristotle" room, Boston, MA 02109

Social Equity has long been conceptualized as the third (and often last) leg of a triple bottom line sustainability stool. While LEED has driven environmental concerns to have equal footing with economic ones, we are just at the beginning of developing tools that allow us to measure and examine social equity results in a similar way.

New programs from the International Living Future Institute like the Living Building Challenge, and JUST Organizations label, as well as new Social Equity Pilot credits in LEED v4 are beginning to raise the discourse around social equity to allow us to examine the social equity impacts of our organizations, our work, and our communities.

This special event will include presentations from Francis Janes - director of the JUST Organizations labeling program for ILFI, Shawn Hesse - co-author of the new LEED Social Equity Pilot Credits, and Tony Ransom, Treasurer of the National Organization of Minority Architects, Boston Chapter, all discussing the importance of a focus on social equity in design, construction, and operations of our buildings, communities, and our organizations.

[Learn more about our presenters and register for this event here!](#)



Policy Podium: Auto Populating the MLS with EE and Solar PV Content

Thursday, 4/14, 8:30am - 10:30am, 50
Milk St, 15th floor, "Aristotle" room,
Boston, MA 02109



Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships

Come meet Carolyn Goldthwaite and Craig Foley at this Green Breakfast!

This presentation by the senior manager of Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) High-Performance Building Team, Carolyn Goldthwaite, and sustainable real estate consultant Craig Foley will focus on two projects road mapping ways to "auto populate" third party verified data about home energy labels and solar PV into the multiple listing service (MLS). Neat stuff!

Join us for this [Policy Podium](#) event on Thursday, 4/14 at 8:30am. [RSVP here!](#)



BUILDING TECH FORUM | 2016

GREENTOWN LABS

28 Dane Street Somerville, MA 02143

APRIL
21ST

5:30PM-8:30PM

You are invited to our Building Tech Forum

Thursday, 4/21, 5:30pm - 8:30pm, Greentown Labs, 28 Dane St, Somerville, MA 02143

Building tech is the **intersection** of the **innovation economy** and **real estate**.

The green building industry is right here in the middle of it - creating new ways to increase the value of real estate and improve the sustainability of our building stock and our communities in general. Join us for a great gathering to connect people involved in the intersection of buildings and technological innovation.

Join **MassCEC**, **NECEC**, **The Green Engineer**, **BuildingIQ**, **Wattstopper**, **B2Q**, **Solablock** and more sponsors at this exciting gathering.

[Take a look here to read more about the event and register.](#)

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