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A SOUND EFFECT
ON PEOPLE

Saint-Gobain Ecophon contributes to good indoor environments for working, healing and learning. We do this by developing, manufacturing, and delivering acoustic products and systems designed around the natural evolution of human hearing – replicating the outdoor sound experience indoors, because that's just better for people. Having a sound effect on people, in every way we can, is what we do proudly. That promise makes every one of us a passionate advocate for the importance of room acoustics to people's wellbeing – whatever the space, activity or need.

GOOD ACOUSTICS
MATTER EVERYWHERE

The importance of acoustics is underappreciated. Sound impacts us in daily life, and the scientific support for improving our indoor sound environments is well documented.

And what exactly is an ideal indoor sound environment for people? One based on how we experience sound outside. The human auditory sense is naturally adapted to an outdoor environment where there is not any sound reflections from ceilings and walls. That's why most of what we do at Ecophon is about replicating the acoustic qualities found in nature for indoor environments. We want to optimise indoor spaces to our natural way of hearing, so that speech and sound are easy to hear and understand, when needed, improving performance and wellbeing.

In this document you'll find our latest learning opportunities. We cater to all types of learning styles, from in person, to online seminars and podcasts.

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PODCAST

A SOUND EFFECT ON PEOPLE

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Apple Podcasts

This RIBA approved podcast series, presented by former ITN News presenter Salma Cranefield, explores how we're all affected by sound, or to use a technical term, by acoustics. We'll investigate how poor acoustics can be disruptive or even harmful, while good acoustics can help us learn, work productively, even heal. We'll discover that our responses to sound are both psychological as well as physiological, and we'll learn that people with different personalities react in different ways to the same sounds.

- Episode 1 - Sound Matters
- Episode 2 - Sound Education
- Episode 3 - Sound Workplace
- Episode 4 - Sound Health Part One
- Episode 5 - Silence
- Episode 6 - Sense & Space
- Episode 7 - The furture of acoustics in healtcare and education
- Episode 8 - Office design: Putting the people first
- Episode 9 - Creativity & Technology
- Episode 10 - Wellness & Biophillia*
- Episode 11 - Acoustics & Offsite Construction
- Episode 12 - The healing office & workplace productivity
- Episode 13 - Thought from ILETC providing learning environments
- Episode 14 - More from ILETC

You can listen to the Ecophon podcast series on the go via the Apple Podcast app. Just search "A Sound Effect on People" or Click the Logo.

THE QUIET MARK

Episode 4: Acoustics in education

Guest: Shane Cryer - Ecophon Concept Developer Education

Synopsis: Shane explains to the Quiet Mark host, Simon Gosling, how good acoustics in schools can reduce absenteeism, improve exam results and increase wellbeing for students and teachers.

JOURNAL OF BIOPHILIC DESIGN

Sound without Walls - Essential improved acoustics in Healthcare

Guest: Andrea Harman - Ecophon Concept Developer Healthcare

Synopsis: Much of our time is now spent inside, and for patients in hospital their stay is often an indoor environment with unnaturally high levels of artificial noise from which there is no escape, not even in sleep, and which are out of their control.

VIRTUAL
PROJECTS

WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE

Fly around Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium with us as we take you on a tour of our acoustic installation.

Working alongside Sustainable Acoustics, our challenge was to improve the visitor experience by creating an environment where acoustic levels have been improved, allowing visitorsto enjoy the different areas of the exhibit.

Collaborating together we successfull ehanced the visitor experince as well as created a really good acoustic environment. Click here to view the video.

"I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO THE OFFICE" CREATING A WORKPLACE TO LOVE

Hosted in 2021 this event looked into aspects of the working office enviornment, with a focus on: the latest ISO 22955 Acoustic Quality of Open Office Spaces, humaising the office environment, what an office needs to offer for job satisfaction and a case study look into neurodiversity in the workplace.

Videos from the event can be found in three ways:

- www.ecophon.com/uk
- www.youtube.com/ecophontv
- https://ecophon.events/ - Just register and you have full access to the lobby (shown on the right)

CPD'S AVAILABLE

GENERAL ACOUSTICS

ROOM ACOUSTICS CONNECTING TO DESIGN

Focusing on the relationship between good room acoustics and the comfort of people who use the space. The presentation discusses how room acoustic challenges can be avoided or solved in design and how different acoustic solutions can be used to as part of the aesthetic design of a space.

FORMATS AVAILABLE

On demand online training

Short format online in teams

Face to face training

RIBA approved

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EDUCATION

ACOUSTICS IN EDUCATION - *UNIVERSAL ACOUSTIC DESIGN*

Understanding the implications and contribution noise has on educational environments. It covers the latest standards and research including the Heriot-Watt University research, BB93 and Bremen University research study.

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HEALTHCARE

DESIGNING FOR DEMENTIA AND AGEING

Exploring the effects of ageing and dementia on memory, sight and hearing and what this means for design. It looks at examples of good and poor design and how to change or amend existing interiors to make them easier to use for those affected by ageing and those with dementia.

IMPACT OF ACOUSTICS ON HOSPITAL CARE AND RECOVERY

Hospitals are noisy places. This CPD looks at the sources and impact of that noise on both staff and patients giving design solutions to help solve acoustic challenges. We utilise a research based approach including findings from SILENTS a recently completed UK based hospital sound research study.

NEW- DESIGN FOR THE MIND: SENSORY SENSITIVE ACOUSTIC DESIGN

In this CPD we discuss the importance of our senses in helping us understand the world, exploring via experience our sensory response to sound and noise as individuals and with reference to neurodiversity and neurodegeneration. We reference relevant acoustic standards and advice offering design solutions.

NOISE IS A HEALTH ISSUE - SOUND IN MENTAL HEALTH ENVIRONMENTS

Design has a huge impact on our mental health, we make subjective decisions about a space based upon how it looks, sounds and feels, and how this can then affect our mood, stress levels and behaviour. This presentation focuses on how to provide good room acoustics as an aspect of therapeutic design.

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OFFICE

OFFICE ACOUSTIC DESIGN WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOACOUSTICS

This presentation discusses the important subject of the science behind psychophysics and psychoacoustics and how it can be used to solve acoustic problems in office environments. We will look at some of today's office drivers, both during and post Covid, as well as practical applications.

PSYCHOACOUSTICS IN THE WORKPLACE - *MUST COMPLETE THE INTRODUCTION FIRST*

A more in-depth look at the subject of psychoacoustics and how humans process auditory information, both psychologically and physiologically, in the context of an office setting. With an emphasis on health, well-being and performance, the subject matter also addresses the importance of acoustic biophilia in design. we'll look at acoustic modelling (with Arup Acoustics) and Ecophon design solutions, to create optimal acoustics in large atria, circulation spaces, lecture theatres and sports halls, utilising guidance from BB93: Acoustic Design of Schools.

MANAGING AUDITORY SENSITIVITY IN THE WORKPLACE

There is significant evidence that noisy environments adversely affect the performance, health and well-being of autistic individuals. This understanding can inform organisational culture, policies, workplace design and inclusion strategies. This presentation is based on an ongoing study which explores how noise management can help not only neurodiverse workers, but all employees, to be more productive.

OFFICE ACOUSTIC DESIGN: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

This presentation addresses the physical challenges of solving office acoustic issues utilising the foundation of the new ISO 22955: Acoustic Quality of Open Office Spaces. Practical acoustic solutions will be presented and explained, including acoustic treatment, room geometry and space layout in relation to workplace activity and their particular acoustic characteristics.



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CLEANROOM & DATA CENTRES

NEW-SUSPENDED CEILINGS IN CLEAN ROOMS AND CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS

This CPD focuses on the features and benefits of acoustic suspended ceilings in clean environmentsThis presentation explores the role of acoustic suspended ceilings in enhancing the design of clean environments such as laboratories, clean rooms, food processing facilities, and data centres. We'll examine how these solutions meet industry standards whilst offering practical, applicable benefits. The session will also demonstrate how acoustic improvements can positively impact employee well-being and overall workplace quality

NEW-DATA CENTRE CEILING SOLUTIONS

Data centres offer a specific type of controlled environment with many variances over size type and functional requirements. This presentation explores why a suspended ceilings maybe required and the relevant industry standards and certifications that may apply, explaining their relevance, and giving examples of how these maybe met. In addition, it demonstrates how improved acoustic conditions can positively influence workplace quality.

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Having a sound effect on people is the principle that guides all we do. We're proud of the Swedish heritage and human approach that promise is founded on. Our uncompromising commitment to transparent sustainable practice. And, as members of the Saint-Gobain Group, to be doing our part in making the world a better home.

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