

# LOW ENERGY HOMES

The commitment to providing a more sustainable and environmentally friendly built environment has earned Energy Efficient Homes the 2011 Public Sector Magazine Award for Energy Efficiency.

"Our company Energy Efficient Homes is very pleased its contribution to energy efficiency in new build homes has been acknowledged, both in the private and public sector. We were taken completely by surprise when we were told of this award, never-the-less it is greatly appreciated," said Managing Director of Energy Efficient Homes Jimmy Conlon in response to the news that his company had been awarded the 2011 Public Sector Magazine Award for Energy Efficient Buildings.

Energy Efficient Homes has an unrivalled reputation for personal service and offers its clients expert advice and guidance how to achieve an "Energy Efficient" building, whether the project is part of a housing development, an office block, nursing home, school or a "one off" home.

"We focus on outlining the full range of options to our clients in a plain and simple approach that will be readily understood," says Jimmy. "We are extremely flexible and can work with architects, quantity surveyors, main contractors etc. We work from the approved architect's drawings and design the "Energy Efficiency" to whatever level the client wishes to achieve, from the current Building Control level "U" value of 0.27, to passive, including "airtightness", energy efficient heating and plumbing using Solar Energy. With "one off" residential homes we are ideally suited to "Self Builders" who would like to do most of the work themselves or use their relatives and friends in order to reduce costs."

While acknowledging the importance of the public sector to both the company's current and future business, he says that greater progress is required in terms of promoting and developing policies which prioritise energy efficiency in our built environment. "I feel that much, much, more needs to be done in terms of providing for a greater degree of "Sustainability and Energy Efficiency" in new buildings which is essential to our efforts to reduce carbon emissions and the overall carbon footprint in new buildings," he says. "To this end we are promoting a simple but very effective way of achieving this with new residential developments, and in particular, large "One Off" private houses. This also applies to offices, nursing homes, schools and any building where keeping a constant temperature is of the utmost importance, and energy costs are to be kept to a minimum."

According to Jimmy, the company's principal objective at present is to encourage the appropriate Government Departments to publicly acknowledge Irish companies such as theirs that are promoting "Energy Efficiency" in all aspects of new buildings, and where possible make sure that they are given every opportunity to participate in any Government building programme by compiling a registrar of what companies are properly qualified to do what, as regards the "Energy Efficiency" aspects of new builds.

Jimmy is confident that the Award will help his efforts



to continue to promote the company to public sector organisations and to reinforce his message as to the critical importance of promoting and supporting a greater degree of energy efficiency and sustainability in our built environment. "To date the Public Sector Magazine has been instrumental in opening new doors and helping us to expand our business all over Ireland and we would hope to continue to use this medium to promote our business," he says. "I would like to thank everyone involved with the Public Sector Awards Scheme and also offer my full attention to any query anyone may have regarding "Energy Efficiency" in new buildings, be it a "one off" house, school, nursing home, etc."

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