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Portland construction pros prepare for Sustainable Building Week

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Local construction advocates have prepared a bevy of events for the coming Sustainable Building Week.

The programs take place between Oct. 11 and Oct. 16 at a variety of locations. Organizers say they hope to provide "the incubator needed to plan for a quickly evolving world."

Some 20 programs are planned, including:

A tour of the PAE Living Building, the downtown Portland Walsh Construction project that will become "the world's first developer-driven Living Building," meaning it will produce more energy than it uses and treat its water on-site. The Go Zero Tour 2021, which will spotlight Oregon's zero energy homes.

Into the Woods, a Tualatin hike that will detail sustainable forest management and the local wood movement.



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A tour of a Passive House was a highlight of a previous slate of Sustainable Building Week events.

Electrify Now, a series of events divulging the latest efficient electrification trends.

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Sustainable Building Industry, which will examine such issues as gentrification, displacement, environmental issues and the needs of local communities.

"We're calling on Portland to once again come together and find solutions to some of the greatest challenges our modern society has ever faced," said Weby Bowles, co-founder of Sustainable Building Week, in a release. "This is an opportunity for our region's greatest thinkers and problem solvers to cross pollinate ideas that will continue to evolve Portland's leadership in sustainability practices, creating models for the nation to follow."

Admission is free to most of the events.

Groups participating in the programs include AIA Oregon, Build Local Alliance, Portland Green Schools, Portland Materials Transparency Collaborative, Solar Oregon and the U.S. Green Building Council,

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