

YIMFY-Yes! In My Front Yard!

Workshop in natural building with Graeme North

YIMFY is a trust being set up to promote appropriate building technology. This workshop is about **designing for local resilience by learning some appropriate technology** – i.e. technology that can be made at an affordable price by ordinary people using local materials to do useful work in ways that do the least possible harm to both human society and the wider environment.

**Date: Sunday March 30th 2014,
9.00am-4.30pm
to be held at Earthsong/Ranui**

Discover the unique and creative potential of natural earth building. Explore materials and techniques in an intensive, hands-on experience, using a variety of materials focusing on natural clay as a major resource. There will be opportunities to make and use a variety of materials including dense and lightweight mud brick and cob, inclusion of natural fibres such as cellulose, straw and hemp. We will also touch on earth and lime plastering, earth floors. Discussion will include design, testing of materials, as well as strawbale and other natural building techniques.



Learn by doing, using local natural building materials.

Fees:

\$ 130 per person GST inclusive for the day.

For a second person in a couple there is a \$20 reduction for the partner.

Morning and afternoon teas are provided but you will need to bring your own snacks and lunches.

\$50.00 is payable in advance to secure a place, with the balance on the day. The deposit is non-refundable unless the event is not held on the advertised date.

To enrol, send your name, address, phone number, email address, workshop date and your deposit to:

**Livingscapes NZ Ltd, 49 Matthew Road,
RD1, Warkworth 0981**

Direct credit instructions can be given on request.

For more information, please email:
info@ecodesign.co.nz

TUTORS:

Graeme North *FNZIA, BArch, DipPerm*, Registered Architect

Alan Drayton *L B P Carpentry and Site 2*

Graeme is well known nationally and internationally in natural building, architectural, and permacultural circles for his work spanning several decades. He was inaugural chair of the Earth Building Association of NZ (EBANZ) and chairs the Standards NZ Committee for Earth Building Standards. He was awarded a Winstone Churchill Fellowship in 2010 to study appropriate building technology overseas.

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For this workshop he will be joined by Alan Drayton, Managing Director of BioBuild, a company that specialises in earth and other environmentally sensitive construction.

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Numbers are strictly limited to give good opportunities for participation and discussion.

A short tour of Earthsong will be made at the start of the workshop to introduce the host site.