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## 20 Years of Passive House: A success story

Experience the difference on 11 – 13 November



Beautiful buildings like this double family home in Pfitsch, Italy will be opened to visitors for this year's International Passive House Days. Information on viewing times for this and other buildings in your region can be found on the <a href="www.passivehouse-database.org">www.passivehouse-database.org</a>, Passive House Database and <a href="www.passivehouse-international.org">www.passivehouse-international.org</a>, the iPHA website under Passive House Days.

Darmstadt, 19.10.2011 – For 20 years now, Passive House has stood for comfort, cost-effectiveness and sustainability. The International Passive House Association (iPHA), in coordination with its worldwide Affiliates, its members and the Passive House Institute invite the public to experience the benefits of Passive House for themselves: from 11 to 13 November, Passive House buildings across the globe will be opened for viewing to mark the 8th International Passive House Days and the two decade anniversary of the Passive House Standard.

From Friday through Sunday, 11 to 13 November, visitors worldwide will get the chance to feel the pleasant temperatures and superior air quality that characterise Passive House buildings. Participants will have the opportunity to see, first hand, the no nonsense simplicity of a concept that places its focus on building quality instead of high-tech solutions to achieve outstanding energy efficiency reflected in lower energy bills.

"You must experience Passive House comfort for yourself to truly appreciate the substantial benefits over and above the energy savings

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that the Standard brings with it," observes Dr. Wolfgang Feist, director of the Passive House Institute and resident of the world's first Passive House since autumn 1991. This November's Passive House Days, in the tradition of those past, will provide thousands with just this opportunity. Just as importantly, this event will allow visitors the chance to talk directly with the architects and residents of Passive House buildings. "Is the ventilation system always so silent?", "Do you have to be a techie to live in a Passive House?" and "Can you open the windows?" — At the Passive House Days, visitors will get personal answers to their fundamental questions.

The International Passive House Days will see Passive House buildings representing a vast array of architectural styles and types open to the public. Information on participating buildings and tours can be found on the Passive House Database at <a href="https://www.passivehouse-database.org">www.passivehouse-database.org</a> as well on the iPHA website at <a href="https://www.passivehouse-international.org">www.passivehouse-international.org</a>.

Join thousands of others this November and take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience Passive House first hand.

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