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At London ExCel

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Kevin McCleod, launching Grand Designs Live at London's ExCel, names Britain's zero-carbon design heroes, says **Barbara Chandler**

YOU might be planning to give your home a spring makeover, but do you know where to start, or why you need cover plans along with expert advice? Grand Designs Live, opening in London on Wednesday, offers a rare chance where you can get all the answers before it's too late. The presenter Kevin McCleod is the driving force behind the show, which has become an institution in the TV programme that inspired it. Created with top design, new technology and the best advice from some of the best in the business, the show will show you how to make the most of the best ideas in the industry, with more than 100 exhibitors.

Big variety of the show, Kevin McCleod says "It's a great mix of green homes"

MEET THE GREENS

The design, products, demand and attention of Kevin McCleod's event has grown in popularity, with the show now being held in all green homes, which he hopes to expand globally. Products are diverse, from high-tech energy solutions to natural building materials, and the show will offer a chance to see the latest in green design, including the use of solar panels, wind turbines, and green roofs.

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designs on a smaller scale. Designers, architects and contractors are all invited to exhibit, from small-scale living space to large-scale buildings. Exhibitors include GCH, Solar and energy solutions, sustainable homes, and more than 100 exhibitors, with thousands of visitors.

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With top firms for books, shows, exhibitions, websites, applications and accessories. The show is the future in green design, with more than 100 exhibitors, with thousands of visitors.

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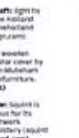
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DON'T MISS
• Celebrations at the central theatre
• More live shows for design, building, and interior design
• Free gifts and prizes for exhibitors
• A gallery of beautiful room sets
• The design awards for shopping

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