



REDEFINING GREEN

UBC's Centre for Interactive
Research on Sustainability

September 18, 2012

5:30 - 6:00 pm, Mix and Meet

6:00 - 7:30 pm, Lecture, Q and A

2017 Dunton Tower
Carleton University

One of Canada's leading-edge examples of sustainability in action is UBC's Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS). You are invited to learn more at this lecture sponsored by the Carleton Research Unit on Innovation, Science and the Environment (CRUISE) and the Carleton Sustainable Energy Research Centre (CSERC).

When the University of British Columbia set out to design and construct North America's most innovative and high performance building, they knew there'd be challenges.

The CIRS building has met these challenges. It powers itself and, other buildings, with renewable and waste energy. It collects rain to meet all its water needs, sequesters carbon, and it treats its wastewater onsite. More than simply reducing its impact, CIRS is designed to be net-positive in both environmental and human terms. It is a living laboratory for green building design and operation, community engagement and policy development.

"CIRS is a place for big ideas that have global impacts" says the mastermind behind the building, Dr. John Robinson. "At UBC we are striving to answer the question: can human activity actually improve the physical and human environment? CIRS is an integral part of our research on regenerative sustainability."

Dr. Robinson holds a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Toronto. In 2012, Canadian Geographic named him Canada's Environmental Scientist of the Year.

Plan to join us for the first Sustainable Energy Lecture of the Fall term.



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