

Working with BRE on their biophilic office research project

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Yesterday, efig's Chairman Chris Jenkin attended the launch meeting of the [BRE Biophilic Office Research project](#). efig will be involved to disseminate information about the project to the media and beyond.



The interested parties gathered at yesterday's meeting in Oxford

We hope to offer information too including a blog which interested partners will have the chance of submitting.

The project

BRE describe the project as ground-breaking to supply quantified evidence on the benefits of biophilic design on health, well-being and productivity of office occupants.

It all starts with an office refurbishment which will be used to collect this evidence. Oliver Heath, architect and interior designer, will lead on the design element of the refurbished building as BRE's partner.

'The project centres on a 650m² 1980s office building on the BRE campus in Watford, which will be refurbished according to biophilic design principles.

BRE are partnering with architect and interior designer Oliver Heath, who will lead on the design element of the refurbished building.'

You can read BRE's full [launch release here](#).



The partners

A host of founding core partners are involved to bring their industry expertise into the project. These are:

- **Interface** – global manufacturer of modular flooring
- **Biotope** – designer & supplier of living wall systems
- **Akzo Nobel** – global paints and coatings company
- **Plessey** – innovative lighting and ECG sensing technologies
- **Royal Ahrend** - professional work environments, furniture products and services
- **Coelux** – innovative skylights to reproduce natural light
- **Ecophon** – acoustic products and systems for working environments
- **GVA** – real estate & project management solutions

Each of the partners will be using the office and its test facilities in the project to evaluate their products' role in promoting the health and wellbeing of office occupants and for wider biophilic design.

Dissemination Partners

efig is one of the associations that will disseminate the ongoing information about the research project to interested parties and the media.

The other partners are:

- **CPA:** Construction Products Association
- **CIAT:** Chartered Institute for Architectural Technology
- **CE:** Construction Excellence
- **Innovation Gateway**
- **BBSA:** British Blind and Shutter Association
- Various media associations

If you would like to follow the progress, as well as keeping in touch with efig's social media @efig_Ltd, you could also follow @BRE_Group #biophilicoffice

