

Can we make our office buildings more responsive? Energy-efficiency and behaviour in the postpandemic office

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How did we and our offices react to the Covid19 pandemic?



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TOKYO Size 632 m² Occupancy 100



MELBOURNE Size 5100 m² Occupancy 450



LONDON Size 16,420 m² Occupancy 2000

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WITH OCCUPANCY LEVELS NEARING 0%, MAX MONTHLY SAVINGS NEVER SURPASSED 60%

A LEARNING FACTOR IS VISIBLE IN ALL CASES

Energy savings per month compared to previous year [%]



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MELBOURNE





Weekdays

Weekdays











LONDON

Weekdays





Weekdays

Weekdays



Time





LONDON: A CLOSER LOOK TO OCCUPANT SATISFACTION AND OCCUPANCY PRE AND POST-PANDEMIC

FOLLOW-UP OF ONE TEAM IN LONDON



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BIT: IoT toolkit to capture occupant-facade interaction



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OCCUPANCY BEFORE PANDEMIC - CASE STUDY OF ONE TEAM IN LONDON



OCCUPANT SATISFACTION PRE - POST PANDEMIC



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3

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GLARE MITIGATION

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5

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3

2

1

ACOUSTIC SATISFACTION



DAYLIGHT

THERMAL SATISFACTION

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Level of agreement

5

4

2

1



PERSONAL CONTROL





OCCUPANT SATISFACTION PRE - POST PANDEMIC



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OFFICE OR HOME?

I LIKE WORKING FROM...

WHAT DO YOU PREFER?





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VARIABLE OCCUPANCY PATTERNS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MORE SIGNIFICANT WITH THE RETURN TO OFFICE: **WE MUST ENABLE OUR BUILDINGS TO BE RESPONSIVE AND LEARN HOW TO ADAPT**

DESPITE OCCUPANCY NEARING 0-10%, BUILDINGS STILL USE 90-40% OF FULL-OCCUPATION ENERGY

PLUG-LOADS SHOWED THE MOST FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, WHEREAS LIGHTING
LOADS AND MECHANICAL LOADS WERE LESS FLEXIBLE

A VARIABLE OCCUPANCY PATTERN CAN ALSO BE BENEFICIAL FOR OCCUPANTS, **AND HYBRID SOLUTIONS ARE WELCOME**

OCCUPANTS ARE MORE SATISFIED WITH THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT AT HOME, BUT NOT WITH THE WORKLOAD. THE POST-PANDEMIC OFFICE NEEDS TO IMPROVE EXPERIENCE AND BECOME A DESTINATION, OR WFH WILL BE THE PREFERRED SOLUTION



THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME!

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