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Press Release

## **OPEN HOUSE EVENT AT INNOVATIVE NEW SMARTLIFE CENTRE**

**Cambridge Regional College is throwing open the doors of its new SmartLife Low Carbon Skills Centre this month to give local businesses and residents a chance to find out more about the innovative project on their doorsteps.**

The £3 million building, which formally opens on 31 October, will be a centre for 'green' building technologies where students will learn the expertise needed for building low carbon homes and installing renewable energy systems.



CRC's new SmartLife Low Carbon Skills Centre

It will also support businesses looking to adapt to the low carbon economy, with specialist classrooms for teaching the installation of photovoltaic, advanced gas and solar energy systems.

The Open House event includes demonstrations and practical advice on how to save money and energy at home, information stands from local companies and a chance to find out more about the green technologies of the future.

Free refreshments are also on offer, along with vouchers to return to attend free Environmental Awareness seminar. The Open House runs from 1pm to 4pm on Monday, 31 October, and is open to all. See [www.camre.ac.uk](http://www.camre.ac.uk) for more information.

The SmartLife Low Carbon Skills Centre is a joint project between CRC and Cambridgeshire County Council and is part of the Hive Education and Enterprise Park, a joint venture between CRC, the county council and Future Business. It will also be home to SmartLife Homes and the Future Business Centre.

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students, coming from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk. Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.