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## Enhancing Indoor Air for Healthier Buildings



People spend up to 90% of their time indoors, making indoor air quality (IAQ) a critical determinant of health, wellbeing, cognitive performance and productivity. As buildings become more sustainable, resilient and occupant-centric, providing healthy indoor environments is no longer a value-add—it is an integral part of designing and operating high-performing buildings. Growing evidence continues to demonstrate the benefits of better ventilation, cleaner indoor air and low-emitting materials in supporting healthier, more productive spaces.

In this edition, explore a collection of insights, research and practical guidance on improving IAQ. From the National Environment Agency's (NEA) updated ventilation guidance to emerging research, smart technologies and strategies for healthier buildings, discover how thoughtful design, effective building operations and informed decision-

making can create indoor environments that better support the people who live, work and learn within them.



### **Singapore hosts Indoor Air 2026 as global platform for experts tackling critical IAQ challenges**

For the first time, Singapore hosted the premier global conference on indoor air quality, a defining milestone for both the international research community and the nation's green building journey. Convened by the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate (ISIAQ) and co-organised by the Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC) in partnership with the NUS College of Design and Engineering, Indoor Air 2026 took place from 14 to 18 June 2026.

The event drew over 900 scientists, engineers, and policymakers from 47 countries, creating a vibrant platform for exchanging cutting-edge research, forging new international collaborations, and strengthening collective action toward healthier indoor environments. Beyond the exchange of knowledge, the conference also shone a spotlight on Singapore's sustained commitment to sustainable and healthy building practices, reinforcing its position as a forward-thinking hub for urban innovation and environmental stewardship in the tropics.

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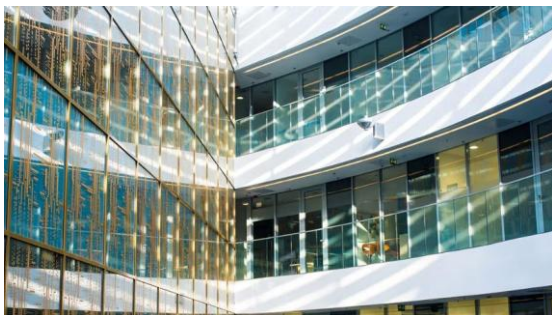
## **SGBC signs Global Pledge for Healthy Indoor Air**

At Indoor Air 2026, SGBC signed the Global Pledge for Healthy Indoor Air by Air Club. The pledge calls on governments and organisations to recognise indoor air quality as a key public health priority. As a symbolic, non-binding commitment, it aims to raise awareness and encourage action through initiatives such as data sharing, the development of IAQ guidelines and standards, and public education.

By signing the pledge, SGBC reaffirms its commitment to advancing healthier indoor environments.

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## **Harvard's Healthy Buildings Programme: The Link Between Indoor Environments, Cognitive Performance and Business Performance**

Drawing on 40 years of research, Harvard's Healthy Buildings Programme identifies nine foundations of a healthy building, with ventilation and air quality as key contributors. The COGfx Study found that occupants in green buildings achieved significantly higher cognitive function scores than those in conventional buildings. With roughly 90% of operating costs tied to occupants, investing in healthier indoor environments can boost wellbeing, productivity, and overall organisational performance.

[The 9 Foundations of a Healthy Building —](#)

[Explore the COGfx Study —](#)

[The Business of Healthy Buildings —](#)



**Singapore's Green Mark Journey Towards Healthier Buildings: Progress, Achievements and the Role of Indoor Air Quality**

[Read —](#)

[Medical-engineering gameplan for airborne outbreaks —](#)



**Updated Guidance on Improving Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality in Buildings for a Healthy Indoor Environment**

[Read —](#)

[Singapore Standard SS554:2026 —](#)

[Formaldehyde guide —](#)



**Understand how Smart Monitoring Helps Maintain Healthy Indoor Air**

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[IAQ data to plan space —](#)

## Upcoming SGBC Events



23 JUL 2026, WEBINAR



24 JUL 2026, SEMINAR

**SGBC Seminar: Exploring Nuclear Energy for an Evolving Built Environment —**

## **SGBC Webinar: Advancing Regenerative Design for a Resilient and Restorative Built Environment**

This webinar, supported by SGBC Member AECOM Singapore, draws on insights from Regenerative by Design, authored by David Cheshire, Director at AECOM. The session will explain the mindset shift required to design within planetary boundaries and recognise our dependence on healthy natural systems.

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7 SEP 2026, INDUSTRY COURSE

### **SGBC Masterclass: Accessing Green and Sustainable Finance with Green Building Certifications**

This course is structured as a day's Masterclass to give participants without a finance background an overview of the Green & Sustainable Finance ecosystem and the foundational knowledge to tap into it.

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## **Strategies, Constraints, Capability Building**

This SGBC Seminar, supported by HY M&E Engineering Consultancy, will explore the evolving role of nuclear energy in advancing a low-carbon built environment. A key focus will be on the practical considerations for stakeholders in the built environment, including the implications for on-premise nuclear power integration.

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10 SEP 2026, INDUSTRY COURSE

### **SGBC Industry Course: Corporate Carbon Footprint for Climate-Related Disclosures**

Through this course, participants can expect to gain foundational skills and knowledge needed to compute and prepare carbon emissions data for sustainability reporting, understand sustainability reporting frameworks.

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