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## **IMPORTANCE OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – Free Homeowner Events supported by NFRC**

Since 2012, The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) has readily given its support and expertise to Hypostyle Architects, helping them to provide homeowners in Scotland with the tools on how to repair and maintain their properties. The need for them to be aware is down to the worrying and critical decline in the condition of Scotland's homes, and it's only by the work undertaken by the likes Hypostyle Architects and their partners, such as Historic Scotland, Edinburgh World Heritage and NFRC, that it is hoped that in time this can be reversed.

Representatives from NFRC have been speaking at a number of free homeowners events over the past year, giving short presentations from the 'Condition of Scotland's Homes' to 'Best Roof Repair Practice'. The next event taking place is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Dalkeith Arts Centre.

Colin McCorquodale from NFRC said, "NFRC knows the importance of passing on knowledge, for over 120 years we have been providing technical and practical support to our members and their clients. We have seen first-hand what happens when buildings haven't been properly maintained, making these free events incredibly beneficial. They give homeowners the opportunity to speak to the experts, find out about possible funding options, tips on working with their neighbours, and much more; all of which will start them off on the right track".

Hypostyle Architects have worked with owners for many years providing a professional service to help them repair and maintain their properties. Jo Parry, Associate Architect from the company added on the forthcoming event, "The aim of the event is to give advice and support to encourage owners to maintain their buildings and to repair using the appropriate materials and techniques. The lessons learnt through the work of the grant scheme in Dalkeith Town Centre will be shared and experts will be available to give their advice to home owners. It is hoped this event will provide property owners with the guidance and confidence to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance to their properties".

For more information about this and future events and or to book your free place, email [conservation@hypostyle.co.uk](mailto:conservation@hypostyle.co.uk).

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**Notes to Editor:**

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