



# The Decarbonisation of Heat

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# Ryan Daly

Founder of Daly Renewables which has grown to be one of Northern Ireland's leading companies in the design and installation of renewable energy systems.

**2000 – 2004**  
Ulster University  
BEng (Hons),  
Environmental  
Engineering 1:1

**2002 – 2003**  
VMRA Design  
Consultancy (Dublin)

**2004 – 2006**  
**Vaughan Engineering**  
M&E Contractor

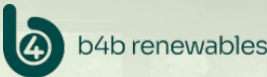
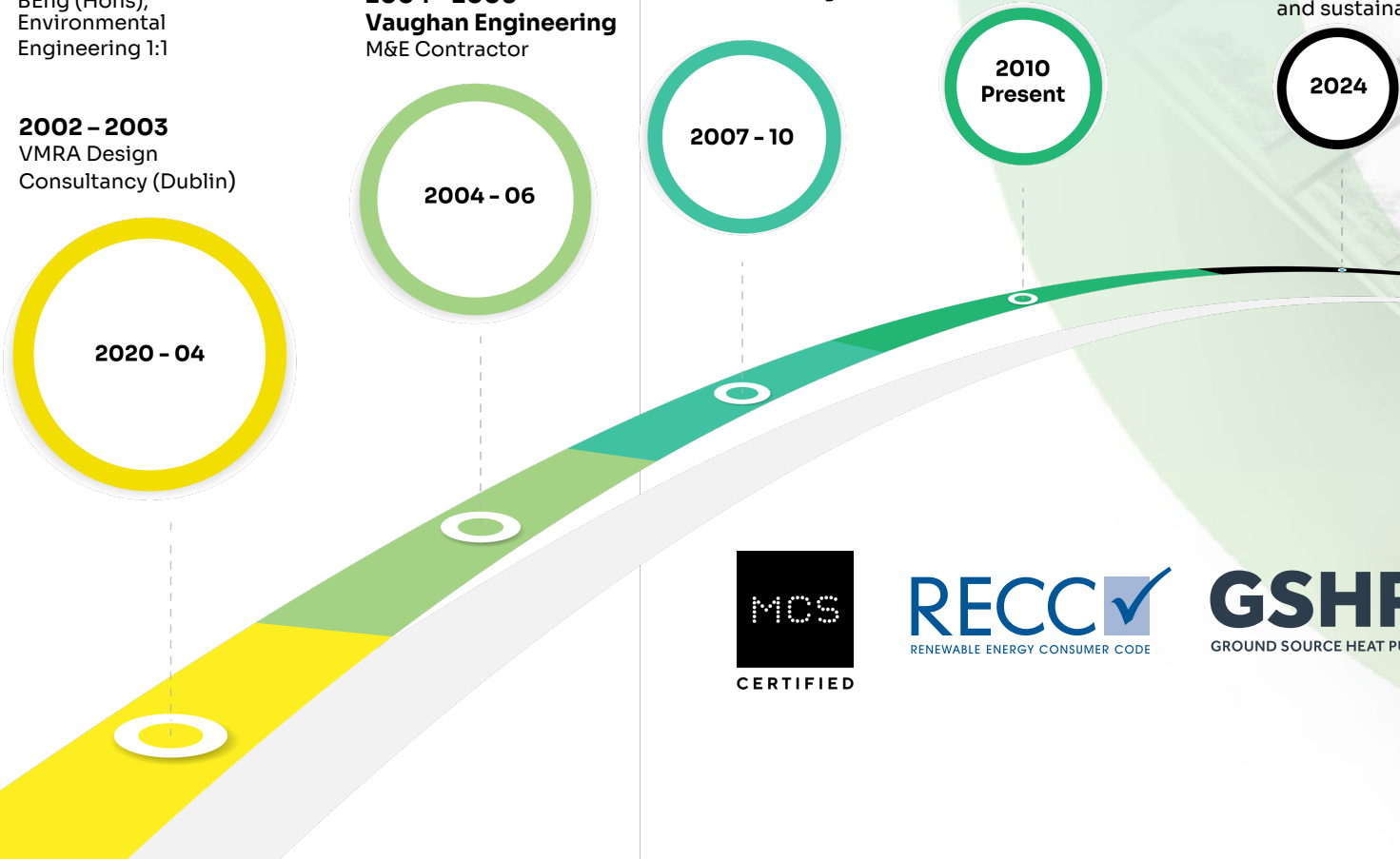
**2007 – 2010**  
**Scoffields**  
Responsible for renewables  
designing, installing  
and commissioning

**2010 –**  
Founded Daly  
Renewables – largest heat  
pump installer in NI

**2024**  
b4b Renewables bring  
strength to the  
commercial sector.  
Major player in energy  
and sustainability



**Director of Daly & B4b Renewables**





# NI: A Green Economy

- For the year ending March 2024 - **45.4% of total electricity consumption** in Northern Ireland is generated from renewable sources located in Northern Ireland.\*
- Energy Strategy 'Path to Net Zero Energy' and the Climate Change Act target is to ensure **that at least 80% of electricity consumption in NI** is from renewable sources by 2030.
- In ROI The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) have a Grant Scheme for "One-Stop Shop Service" for retrofitting Heat Pumps to domestic properties.
- In GB (England, Scotland, Wales) Home Upgrade Grant (HUG), Local Authority Delivery Schemes (LAD) and the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) schemes - which are all geared to help with energy efficiency, heating and renewable energy in homes.
- NO COMPARABLE SCHEMES FOR DOMESTIC PROPERTIES IN NI



The NI Energy Strategy aims to achieve energy savings of 25% from buildings and industry by 2030.

# Our Earth: use it, don't abuse it



## **BENEFITS:**

- Local Source
- Always available - regardless of the weather
- Low spatial footprint
- Scalable



## **IDEAL FOR:**

- Single Dwellings
- Groups of Buildings
- Commercial Premises

Geologically, Northern Ireland is ideal for Geothermal energy, with temperatures ranging from 10-20c on Shallow applications (2+ m depth) - ideal for heating and cooling using heat pumps.

Geothermal energy has the potential to form part renewable heating solution in Northern Ireland.



Randalstown Communal GSHP System 80% of the heat and hot water requirement of the building comes from the Earth below

# Why Geothermal

## Advantages of Geothermal



No CO2 emissions



Renewable energy source




Reliable equipment



All in one system, heating, cooling and DHW



Low maintenance and low cost



Since 2007 we have  
installed numerous GSHP  
systems in NI which have had  
zero maintenance  
issues



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# Case study 1 –New build, Hilltown Co,Down



## Case Study 1

# 2,700sqft 1 ½ story bungalow built in 2005

### Issues:

- GSHP Running “all the time”  
(approx. 17hrs/day on a Winter’s Day)
- Over extraction of energy from the ground (ice around pipes)
- Dissatisfied Client

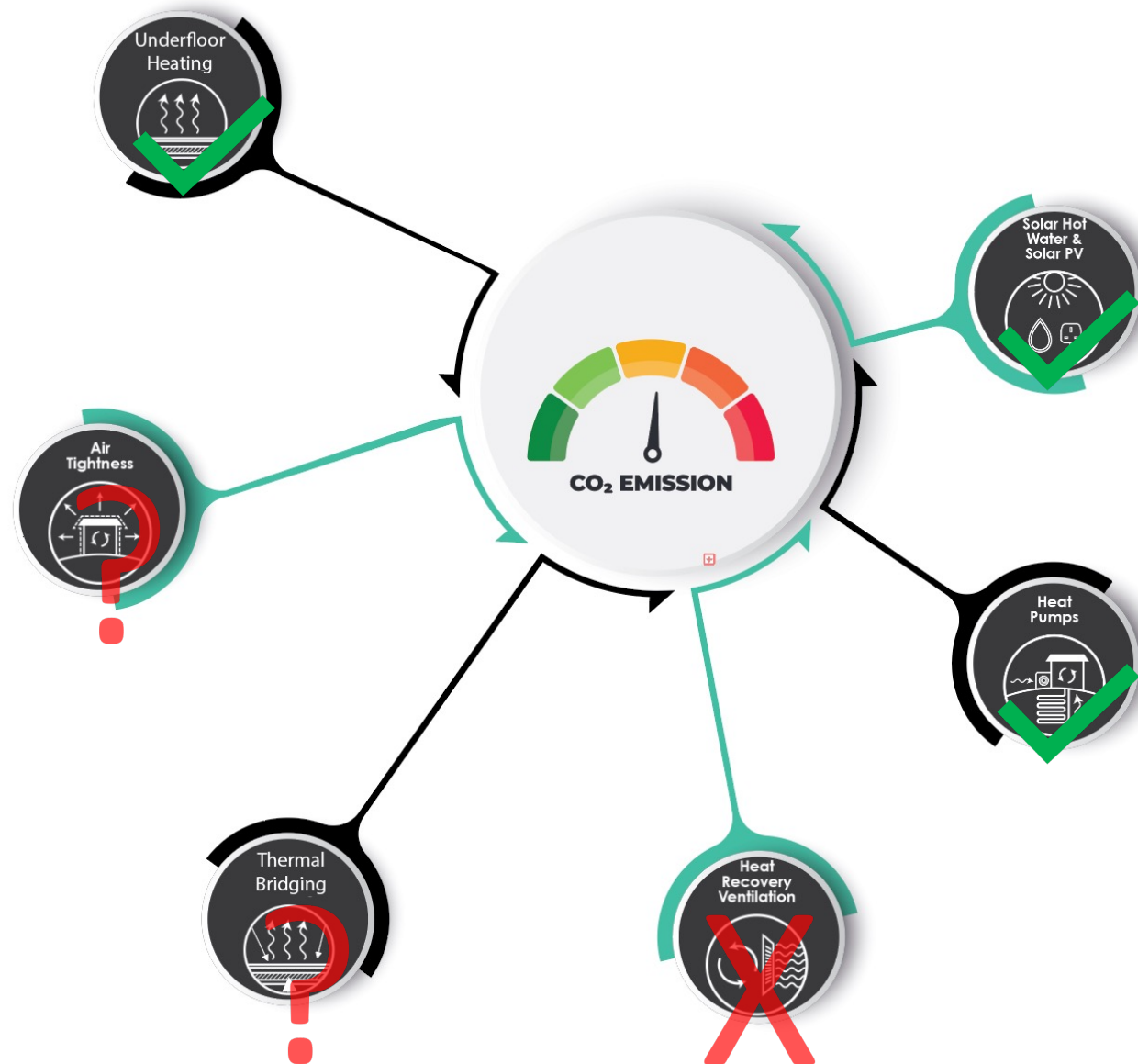
### Solutions:

- Additional GSHP Pipe fitted
- Engineer Visit from Manufacturer
- House insulation reviewed and improved
- Improved system performance
- Reduced running costs
- **System still performing, 18 years later**





# Case study 2 – Retrofit Dromara, Co,Down



## Case Study 2

# 3,300sqft bungalow built in 2007

### Issues:

- Oversized Oil Boiler (45kW)
- High Running Costs
- House uncomfortable – too hot or too cold
- Timeclock for Heating & Hot Water Control
- Boiler unreliable
- Mixture of UF heating & Standard sized Rads in property
- **Running cost £3,500.00 per year**

### Solutions:

- 12kw GSHP retrofitted
- 600m Geothermal Pipe
- 4kW Solar PV
- Weather compensation controls
- House comfort level improved
- **CO2 reduction – 8930kg per year**
- **Running Cost £1,600.00 per year**



# Case study 3 – Daly Selfbuild





### Case Study 3

# Eco-Friendly Family Home in Lisburn

Highly efficient home with efficiency and sustainability considered at design and planning phase.

Architect was provided a clear 2-page brief on house design plus integration of renewables. Clear requirements on mechanical function and how they operate in synergy.

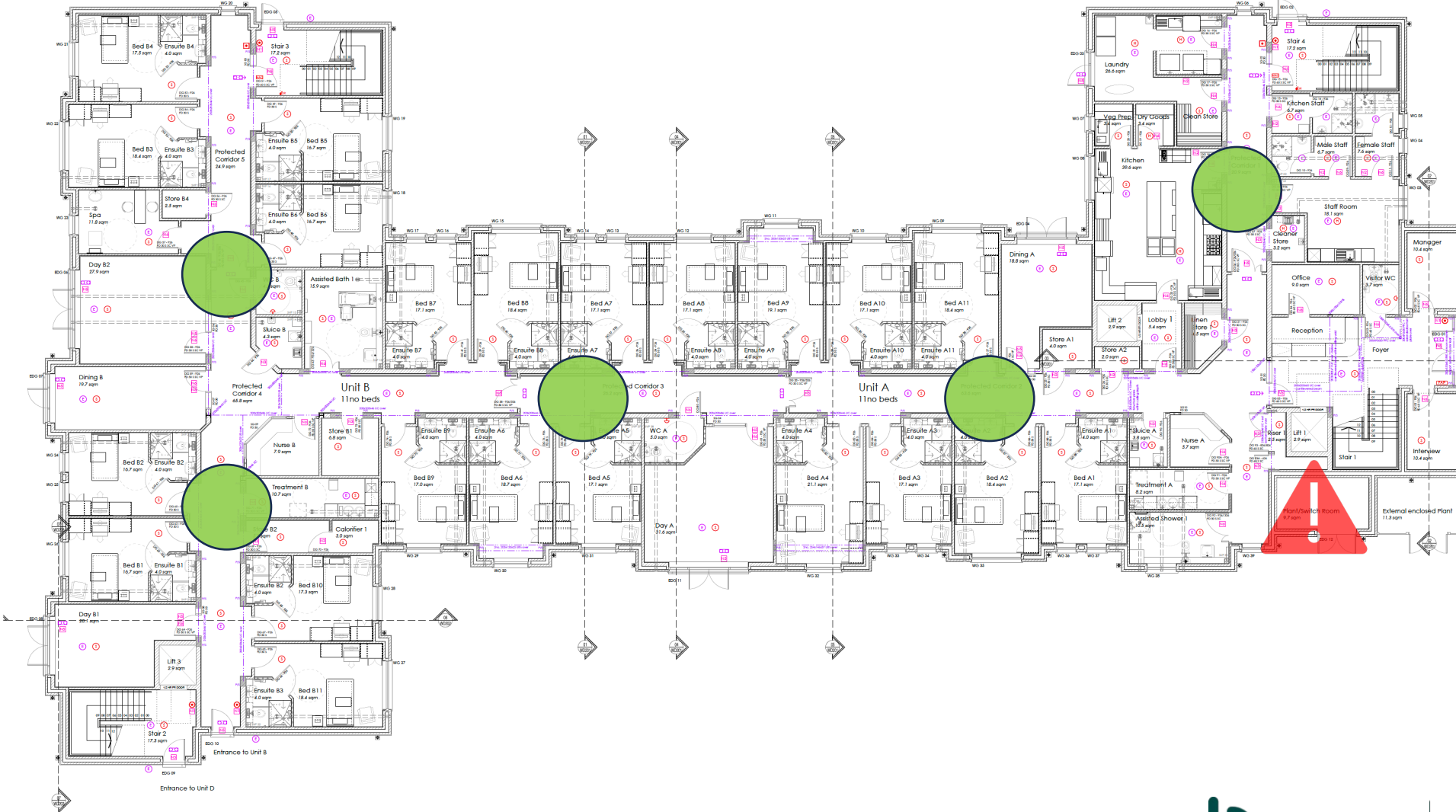
## Annual costs

**£132** – hot water, heating and cooling

**£600** – Total energy bill



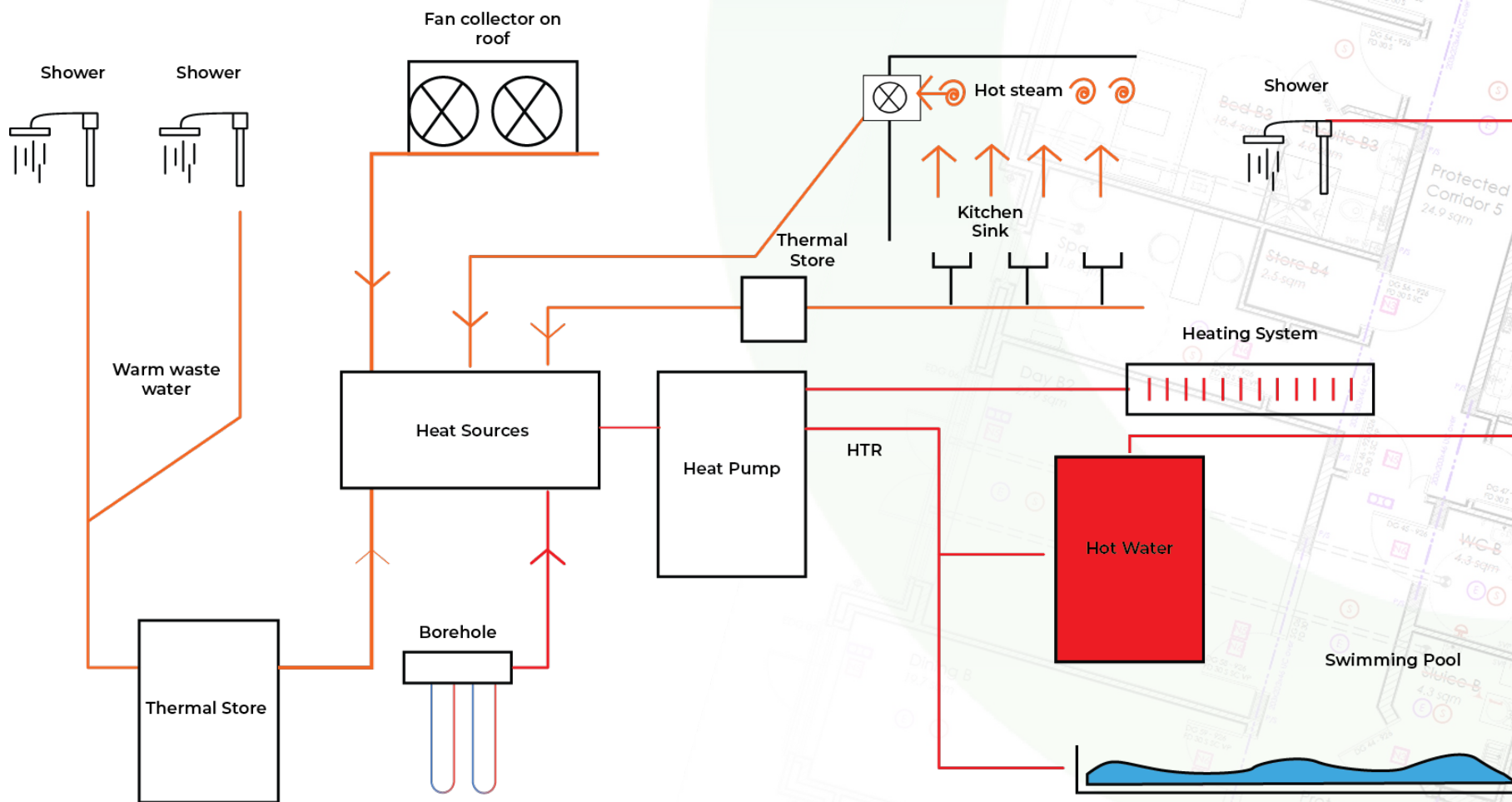
# Role of Designers



Ground Floor Plan

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## Nursing homes and hotels



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## Case Study

# Portadown Community Treatment and Care Centre (CTCC)

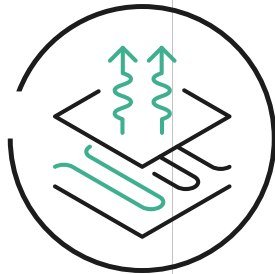
## Issues

- Using System to “dry out” building
- System running 24/7 with all doors open – therefore, could not achieve temperature

## Key Learnings



Awareness of  
system capabilities



GSHP systems and  
building fabric are  
inextricably linked

## Case Study

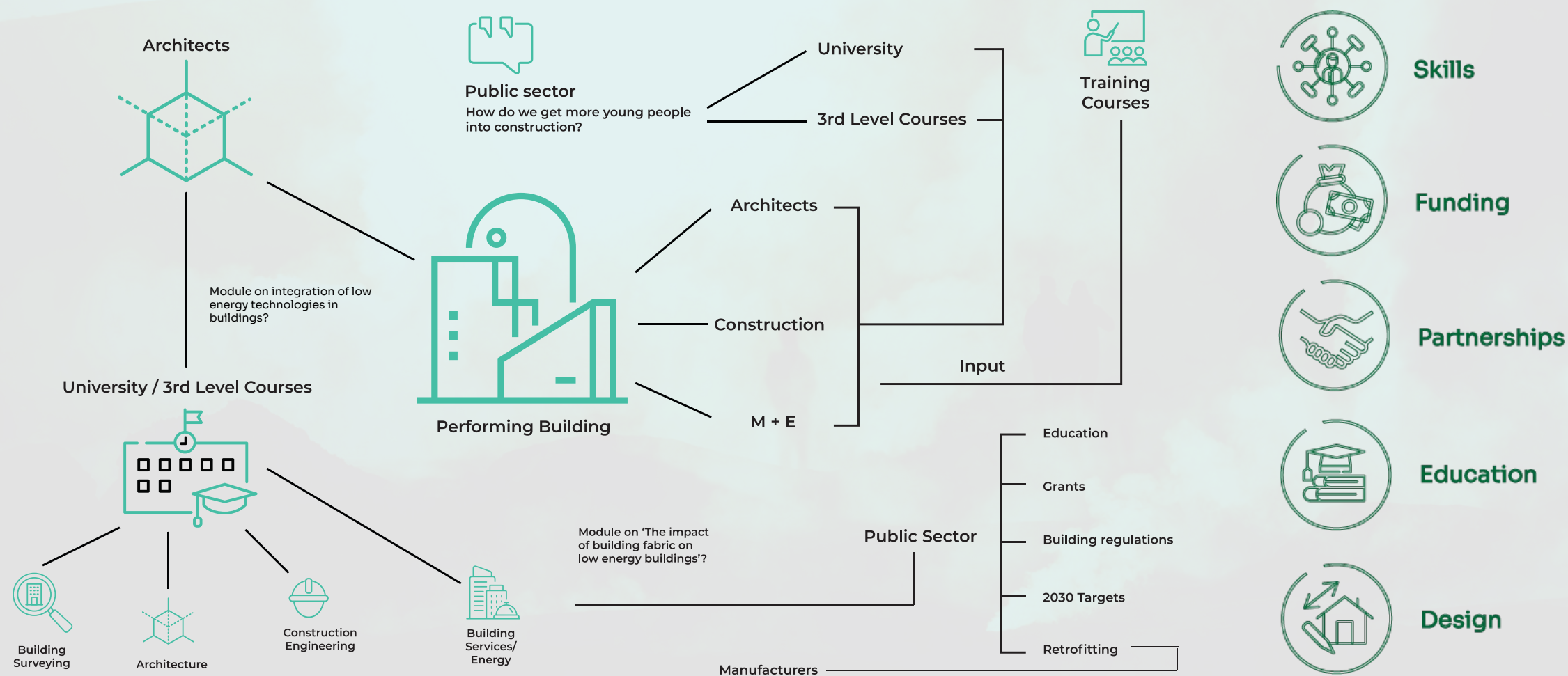
# Communal Geothermal Heating System In Randalstown

The client, Rural Housing Association, appointed us to design and implement a communal Geothermal Ground Source Heat Pump System to benefit nine apartments within a social housing scheme in Randalstown, Co. Antrim.

### Key system features

- 2 x Ecoforest 22kw GSHP's linked to 6 x 140m boreholes
- UFH, MHRV & 250L Cyl in each apartment
- System COP 24/1/24 – 4.8
- DHW – 58 Degrees
- Hot Water heated by HTR
- Daly input to design – Eg. Local HIU units replaced by 2 x heat meters in each apartment
- Simplified Controls
- **£13/week** running cost for apartment owners for all heating & hot water.

# Collaborating with our Sectors





# UNEARTHING THE **HEAT** BENEATH OUR FEET

Rural Housing Association NI



[Rural Housing Geothermal Video - Youtube](#)



# Thank You

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