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**VELUX COMMERCIAL LAUNCHES NEW EDUCATION FOCUSED CPD**

VELUX Commercial, a new division under the VELUX Brand which offers daylight solutions for commercial buildings, has launched a new RIBA approved Continual Professional Development (CPD) programme for architects working in the education sector.

The CPD, 'Under the Rooflight: Spotlight on Education', is included on RIBA's core curriculum under Design, Construction and Technology, with a General Awareness knowledge level. It offers a review of the latest regulatory changes in the design and construction of education buildings specifically relating to rooflights, as well as a look at the benefits of natural light and ventilation.

The CPD, which can be held onsite at your practice or a venue of your choice, will provide participants with information on amendments to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Facilities Output Specification (FOS) 2017, BREEAM 2018 and the new European Standard Daylight in Buildings EN 17037.

Architects will also gain a better understanding on the key factors that should be taken into consideration when specifying rooflights for educational facilities to meet the revised requirements.

Scott Leeder, Director at VELUX Commercial GB & IRE, comments: "Optimum levels of natural light and ventilation in the classroom have been shown to improve educational performance by 8%. These levels can be achieved by incorporating skylights into the building design. Our new CPD is developed specifically for architects, developers and contractors working on the build of educational facilities. It will provide a better understanding of the benefits of specifying modular rooflights to meet with the most up to date building regulations and requirements. We're confident that the sessions will be of great value to everyone that attends."

To book on the VELUX Commercial 'Under the Rooflight: Spotlight on Education CPD', call 01592 778 916, email: [vms@velux.co.uk](mailto:vms@velux.co.uk) or sign up online at [www.veluxcommercial.co.uk](http://www.veluxcommercial.co.uk). Booking, and further information, is also available via the RIBA CPD website at <https://www.ribacpd.com/velux-company/7756/overview/>.

A part of the VELUX Group, VELUX Commercial designs, manufactures and markets daylight solutions for commercial buildings such as offices, schools, healthcare facilities, airports, shopping malls and retail stores, large public buildings, railway stations and industrial buildings.

Designed with architects in mind, VELUX Commercial Modular skylights are fully prefabricated offsite, making it easy for architects and developers to create larger, naturally lit spaces. The range provides solutions for classrooms, atriums, narrow corridors, internal courts, studios and large circulation spaces. Each roof glazing solution is delivered with a special prefabricated flashing ensuring a perfect fit and 100% water tightness.

VELUX Commercial Modular skylights can be fitted three times faster than a traditional skylight system. That means the building is watertight sooner, allowing internal fit-out to begin sooner. For more information, visit [www.veluxcommercial.co.uk](http://www.veluxcommercial.co.uk)

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### Notes to editors

Having established its business over more than 75 years, the VELUX Group has achieved a leading position in the residential market for bringing daylight and fresh air to people's homes and dark attics, transforming underused spaces.

The VELUX Group's first step into the commercial market was with VELUX Modular Skylights in 2012. Designed with architects in mind, VELUX Modular Skylights (VMS) offer innovative, modular and sustainable solutions for glass roofs in larger commercial spaces. Modular Skylights can be combined into a number of configurations, creating perfect solutions for a variety of building types. VMS products have sustainability credentials, with exceptional energy performance, and a life expectancy of 40 years or more.

VELUX Modular skylights are fully prefabricated skylights systems for commercial buildings that makes it easy for architects to create larger lit spaces and specify perfect solutions for atriums, narrow corridors, internal courts, studios, large circulation spaces and other commercial building types.

The VELUX Group product programme also includes roof windows, decorative blinds, sun screening products and roller shutters, as well as installation and smart home solutions. These products help to ensure a healthy and sustainable indoor climate, for work and learning, for play and pleasure. The company works globally – with sales and manufacturing operations in more than 40 countries and around 9,500 employees worldwide. The VELUX Group is owned

by VKR Holding A/S, a limited company wholly owned by non-profit, charitable foundations (THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS) and family. In 2016, VKR Holding had total revenue of EUR 2.4 billion, and THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS donated EUR 155 million in charitable grants.

During 2018, the VELUX Group acquired three skylight companies: Wasco Skylights, Vitral roof glazing and the JET Group. In January 2019, VELUX and JET-Group launched VELUX Commercial to position the VELUX Group as one of Europe's leading players in the commercial market. For more information, visit [www.veluxcommercial.co.uk](http://www.veluxcommercial.co.uk)

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