

Nordic Chapter Newsletter



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Register now for the 1st Annual Chapter Event, Lund, Sweden!

On the 31st of March, the Nordic Chapter will host the ASHRAE President Bill McQuade and Director and Regional Chair ASHRAE European Region XIV Mahroo Eftekhari (UK Chapter) at Medicon Village in Lund, Sweden. During the day we will listen to presentations on energy, technology and indoor environment from several presenters, including:

- Distinguished Lecturer (DL) Alkis Triantafyllopoulos (Hellenic Chapter, Greece)
- Björn Eldvall (European Spallation Source, ESS, Sweden)
- Peter Brander (Boverket – the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, Sweden)
- Dennis Johansson (Head of Building Services Division, Lund University, Sweden) and Hans Bagge (Head of Building Physics Division, Lund University, Sweden),
- Björn Palm (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)
- Jonas Lindhe (Alfa Laval, Sweden)
- Rikard Strid (KTC, Sweden)
- Samir Hernandez (Novo Nordisk, Denmark)

During the lunch, we will hopefully hear Bill McQuade talk about his life and his journey into ASHRAE.

There will be an evening event at a restaurant in Lund, preliminary at GASTRONome (booking not verified yet). More information will come soon on our homepage regarding schedule and menu.



Registration information and Prices

The registration fee covers the cost of the conference facility, coffee, snacks and lunch. The registration fee DOES NOT cover hotel or transportation costs. A list of suggested hotels in Lund (with different price ranges) will be available on our website.

Earlybird ASHRAE members: 750 SEK (before 20th of Feb).

Normal ASHRAE members: 1 000 SEK

Earlybird non-ASHRAE members: 900 SEK (before 20th Feb)

Non-ASHRAE members: 1 200 SEK

ASHRAE Student members: Free.

Register before March 6th!

To register and pay (credit card) for our 1st Annual Chapter Event, visit our homepage:

<https://ashrae-nordic.org/event2026/>

Promoting a Healthy and Sustainable Built Environment in Reykjavik

Government Affairs Committee

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, is renowned for its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. As the city continues to grow and evolve, the local government has been actively addressing the challenges and opportunities related to creating a healthy and sustainable built environment for all its residents. This article explores the key initiatives and policies that are shaping Reykjavik's urban landscape, ensuring it remains a model for sustainable development.

Government Initiatives and Policies

The Reykjavik City Council has been at the forefront of promoting sustainable urban development. One of the cornerstone policies is the Climate Action Plan for 2021-2025. This comprehensive plan outlines various strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance energy efficiency, and promote the use of renewable energy sources. The plan emphasizes the importance of integrating sustainability into all aspects of urban planning, from transportation and housing to public spaces and infrastructure.

Focus on Green Building Standards

A significant aspect of Reykjavik's approach to sustainability is the adoption of stringent green building standards. The city has implemented regulations that require new buildings to meet high energy efficiency criteria and utilize environmentally friendly

ASHRAE PRESIDENTIAL THEME 2025-2026

Bill McQuade has announced his presidential theme, workforce Healthy Buildings: Designing for life. As a part of this theme, ASHRAE has released an Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) video series looking at each of the challenges faced within each area under IEQ. These areas include indoor air quality, thermal comfort, water, Legionellosis, IAQ and decarbonization, acoustics, lighting, and measuring and assessing IAQ. See the link below to watch the videos! <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/ieq-resources/ieq-resources-videos>

Exploring career opportunities with the ASHRAE job board

The ASHRAE Job Board is a premier platform for professionals in the fields of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC&R). Whether you are an engineer seeking new opportunities or an employer looking for top talent, the ASHRAE Job Board offers a comprehensive and user-friendly experience.

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materials. These standards are designed to minimize the environmental impact of construction activities and ensure that buildings contribute positively to the urban ecosystem.

One notable example is the Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre, which has been recognized for its innovative design and sustainable features. The building incorporates advanced energy management systems, extensive use of natural light, and materials that reduce its carbon footprint. Such projects serve as benchmarks for future developments in the city.

Enhancing Public Transportation

Transportation is a critical component of a sustainable urban environment. Reykjavik has made significant investments in improving its public transportation system to reduce reliance on private vehicles and decrease carbon emissions. The city has expanded its network of buses and cycling paths, making it easier for residents to choose eco-friendly modes of transportation.

The introduction of electric buses and the development of a comprehensive cycling infrastructure are key elements of this strategy. By providing convenient and sustainable transportation options, Reykjavik aims to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and promote a healthier lifestyle for its residents.

Community Engagement and Education

Creating a sustainable built environment requires the active participation of the community. The Reykjavik government has launched various initiatives to engage residents in sustainability efforts. Public awareness campaigns, workshops, and educational programs are designed to inform citizens about the benefits of sustainable

living and encourage them to adopt eco-friendly practices.

One such initiative is the Green Reykjavik Campaign, which focuses on promoting recycling, reducing waste, and conserving energy. Through this campaign, the city has successfully mobilized residents to take part in environmental conservation efforts, fostering a sense of collective responsibility towards sustainability.

Challenges and Future Directions

Despite the progress made, Reykjavik faces several challenges in its quest for a sustainable built environment. The rapid pace of urbanization, coupled with the need to balance economic growth with environmental preservation, requires continuous innovation and adaptation of policies.

Looking ahead, the Reykjavik government is exploring new technologies and approaches to further enhance sustainability. This includes the integration of smart city solutions, such as IoT-based energy management systems and data-driven urban planning tools. By leveraging these technologies, Reykjavik aims to optimize resource utilization, improve the quality of life for its residents, and set new standards for sustainable urban development.

In conclusion, Reykjavik's commitment to creating a healthy and sustainable built environment is evident in its comprehensive policies, innovative projects, and active community engagement. As the city continues to evolve, it serves as an inspiring example for other urban centers striving to achieve sustainability and resilience in the face of global environmental challenges.

1: City of Reykjavik Climate Action Plan for 2021-2025



Upcoming Events

Date	Type of Event	Location	Event
March 31, 2026	Presidential Visit	Lund, Sweden	ASHRAE President Bill McQuade will visit the Nordic Chapter in Lund, Sweden Social Event, Chapter Meeting, Technical Seminars Register here: https://ashrae-nordic.org/event2026/
TBD	Chapter Meeting	Virtual	

ASHRAE Nordic Chapter Summary

ASHRAE Nordic Chapter is a local branch of ASHRAE, a global society founded in 1894. ASHRAE's mission is to advance human well-being through sustainable technology for the built environment. With more than 50,000 members from over 132 nations, ASHRAE is an engineering organization dedicated to advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. The organization contributes to shaping tomorrow's built environment through research, standards writing, publishing, certification, and continuing education. The geographic area covered by ASHRAE Nordic Chapter is Denmark (Faroe Islands and Greenland), Iceland, Norway, Finland (Åland), and Sweden.

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Information from ASHRAE

Save the Date! 2026 Topical Conference:

**Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium,
April 13-14, 2026 Los Angeles, CA**

[Registration is Now Open!](#)

After a sold-out debut, the Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium returns bigger, bolder, and more empowering than ever!

Join us for two full days of connection, inspiration, and leadership growth with women from across the HVACR industry from students and early-career professionals to seasoned veterans. This isn't just for engineers it's for every woman making an impact on the built environment. Whether you're here to build your network, develop your leadership skills, or cheer on the next generation through the Young Women in ASHRAE EmpowerHERment Award competition YOU BELONG HERE! **2026 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference, September 23-25, 2026 Seattle, WA**

YEA Developing Leader Award

- Nominations accepted until **May 1, 2026**.
- Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.