Hot topic

The company now teaches City & Guilds Certificate in Installing and Testing Domestic Photovoltaic Systems.

Eco Solar Equipment's Peter Creasy explains how installers can expand their business offering, while helping to tackle climate change.

From newspaper headlines to feature films, the environment is an issue that is never far away. Add to this the worldwide recession, where the housing market is at a standstill and savings are worth little and we can see why now is the time that many people are choosing to do their part against the damaging effects of fossil-fuels, in a way that also reduces their fuel bills and adds value to their property.

With this in mind, manufacturers such as Eco Solar Equipment (ESE) now provide opportunities for window installation companies within this market. The company produces both solar thermal heating systems and solar electricity systems, and is offering a combination of training, supply and support for installers of both these systems.

The company has been training window and home improvement companies for the last 18 months in these easy-to-install systems. Solar thermal systems can provide up to 70% of the hot water needs of a home, using solar collectors, a new hot water cylinder and a specialist pump. Now they are also supplying photovoltaic systems, which use solar panels to produce DC electricity which is converted by an inverter to AC current to be used around the home.

Training day

Eco Solar Equipment has also recently expanded its established training school, in Eynsham, Oxfordshire, to incorporate the teaching of the City & Guilds Certificate in Installing and Testing Domestic Photovoltaic Systems. This is a requirement for anybody wishing to commission a Photovoltaic system in the UK.

In addition to this City & Guilds accredited course, ESE offers a single-day sales training course, allowing sales staff to gain the best product knowledge and up-to-date industry awareness. There is also a three-day photovoltaic installer course available, for non-electricians, allowing additional staff to survey properties and specify systems, understand the individual