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Natural selection

The benefits of
biophilic design.



CARING ABOUT RESILIENCE

NDY's Nicki Parker, M.AIRAH, is speaking at AIRAH's Resilience Forum later this month. We broke bread with her on the eve of the event.

Ecolibrium: Tell us a little bit about your presentation.

Nicki Parker: With Liza Taylor, M.AIRAH, we are presenting "Resilience in the HVAC&R Industry: Why should I care, and if I already do, what should I do about it?"

Eco: So why should we care?

NP: Resilience is not just about enabling our buildings to withstand and, more importantly, bounce back from extreme weather, utilities failures and other catastrophic events. Resilient HVAC&R can directly address the No.1 opportunity to reverse climate change with better refrigerant management, as well as reducing energy costs, extending asset life and improving comfort.



Nicki Parker, M.AIRAH

As property owners, engineers, HVAC&R manufacturers, contractors and facilities managers, we all have a role to play in future-proofing our buildings and safeguarding our most important assets: our people.

Eco: Anything else?

NP: Liza and I will summarise the current state of play of resilient HVAC&R, and present the vision of AIRAH's Resilience Special Technical Group in terms of what we, as an industry, can do to contribute to successful buildings – not just during normal operation, but at times when things don't go to plan.

Eco: Tell us a little bit about your background.

NP: With nearly 12 years in building physics and sustainability consulting, my skills are focused around sustainable design solutions and advanced computational modelling techniques.

I have worked in several sectors in order to incorporate sustainability as a key driver in the building industry. ■



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