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**CROSS-LEARNING ALLIANCE LAUNCHED**

***Three NYC building education leaders address key sustainability issues***

**New York (February 20, 2019)**—Today, Urban Green Council, AIA New York and the New York Chapter of ASHRAE launched the [Cross-Learning Alliance](#). Together, NYC’s leading organizations for architecture, engineering, and green building will develop educational priorities to shape industry trends and practices. The Alliance will bring cutting-edge events that promote dialogue and information-sharing.

Cross-Learning Alliance events are designed to bridge the gaps between the people that own, design, build, manage, operate and commission buildings. Join the [Smart Building Summit](#) on April 10, 2019 for a day-long deep dive on how building automation can improve energy performance and health and wellness.

“Education is foundational to the action needed to achieve our sustainability goals,” said **John Mandyck, CEO of Urban Green Council**. “The Cross-Learning Alliance joins forces to magnify the impact on industry thinking and practices.”

“In participating in this consortium of organizations who are committed to advancing sustainable building practices, AIA New York expects the Cross-Learning Alliance to foster a professional training environment that more closely mimics the integration required of design teams and communities who are working to meet New York City’s 80x50 sustainability goals,” said **Benjamin Prosky, Executive Director of AIA New York and Center for Architecture**.

“The ASHRAE NY Chapter is excited to participate in this groundbreaking collaboration with AIA New York and Urban Green Council,” said **Anthony M. Montalto, ASHRAE NY President and Associate Partner at Jaros, Baum & Bolles**. “Beyond the fact that this unique combination of resources and sensibilities will provide NYC with invaluable education opportunities, the cross-pollination of new ideas among our members will bring us together as one community and, in the process, move the entire industry forward.”

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**Urban Green Council**'s mission is to transform buildings for a sustainable future. We help New York City and State develop cutting-edge policy, we educate a broad range of professionals, and we research solutions that drive policy and best practices nationally and globally. By working with both government and industry, we leverage our effectiveness. [www.urbangreencouncil.org](http://www.urbangreencouncil.org)

**AIA New York** (AIANY) is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects with more than 5,500 architect, allied professional, student, and public members. AIANY is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach and professional development. [www.aiany.org](http://www.aiany.org)

**New York Chapter of ASHRAE**'s mission is to advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. Designing high performance buildings and systems requires collaboration across disciplines, and ASHRAE's standards, programs and initiatives are an integral part in advancing the industry. <https://ashraeny.org/>

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