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Practical information

Limited number of places available.

Information and registration (required)
before 20/10/2021

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Covid : The reception is limited in respect of sanitary conditions. In accordance with governmental instructions, access requires the presentation of a European health pass for all persons over 12 years

Alternative dates If you cannot attend on that day, there are two other dates available.

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Discover the last architectural project of Boisbuket

The new house for Boisbuket's garden: a kit for an alternative architecture

17h 30 : Welcome at the Domaine de Boisbuket

18h 00 : Introduction by Alexander von Vegesack (Founder Domaine de Boisbuket), Dr. Gerhard Dust (CEO Polycare) and Tom Verschueren (dmvA Architekten).

18h 30 : Visit of the construction site "The new garden house"

19h 00 : Cocktail

20h 00 : End

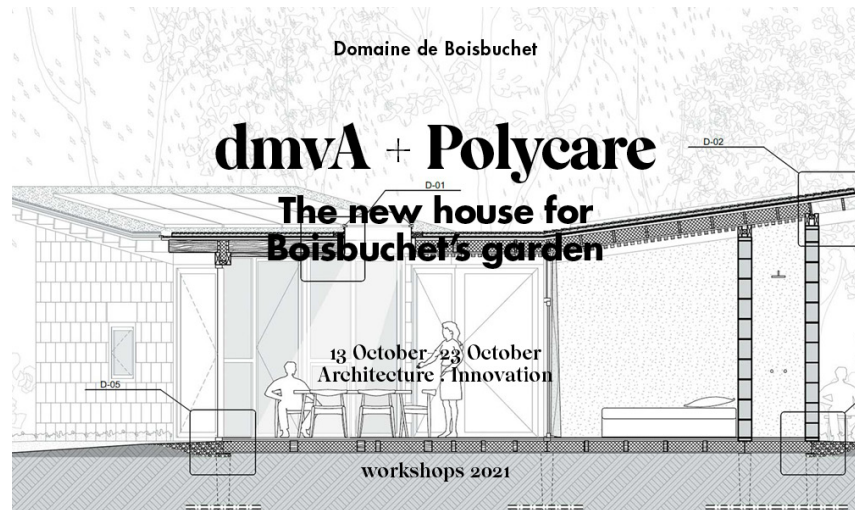
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Every year, [Boisbuket's international workshops](#) are an opportunity to incorporate new elements into the **unique architectural park** of the Domaine de Boisbuket. Shigeru Ban's Paper Pavilion, Simón Vélez's bamboo buildings or Lina Gotmeh's greenhouse are all witnesses to the environmental and societal challenges of our time.

In 2021, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary, Boisbuket has organized a series of twenty summer workshops on the theme of Energy and Synergy and has prepared with the [Belgian architecture agency dmvA](#) and the [German company Polycare Research Technology](#), a **special 10-day building workshop from 13 to 23 October 2021**. This project has been realized with the support of the DRAC Nouvelle-Aquitaine

The workshop will introduce participants to a **new type of building system** using polymer concrete blocks developed by Polycare. This workshop uses this system with a sophisticated design that will be an example of innovative and sustainable construction in the Charente region.

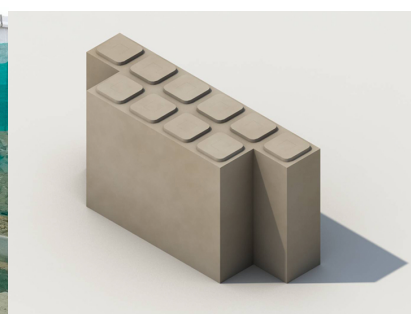
On **Thursday, October 21, starting at 5:30 p.m., a site visit will be offered** to enthusiasts of innovative and sustainable construction by the International Research Center for Design and Architecture, Domaine de Boisbuchet.



What is a polymer concrete block?

The workshop will introduce participants to a new type of building system using polymer concrete blocks developed by [Polycare Research Technology](#), which allows in fact non-professionals to build their own buildings with little physical effort and in a very short time. It offers the unique experience of constructing a complete building by yourself, from foundation to roof. In ten intensive days, the participants learn about a new material and a revolutionary method - enough time, therefore, to exchange ideas in cooperation with international colleagues, the renowned architectural firm dmvA and the Polycare laboratory as inventors of this new construction method.

These lightweight construction elements are extremely easy to assemble and disassemble and are particularly environmentally friendly. They can be reused almost endlessly and do not require any water, either during production or during use on the construction site. In addition, the system remains affordable even for the economically disadvantaged due to the extraordinarily low construction costs. Our workshop is using this innovative system for a new building with a sophisticated design that will be an example of innovative and sustainable construction in the Boisbuchet architectural park.



Key Speakers:



Alexander VON VEGESACK **Founder Domaine de Boisbuchet**

Alexander von Vegesack is an exhibition curator and collector of industrial furniture design objects. In December 2010, after 21 years as director of the Vitra Design Museum, Alexander von Vegesack is focused exclusively on the development of his own institution: the Domaine de Boisbuchet.

Alexander von Vegesack is an Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters, as well as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

[About Boisbuchet | Alexander von Vegesack | Dezeen](#)



Dr. Gerhard DUST **Founder and CEO Polycare Research Technology GmbH & Co. KG.**

Gerhard Dust is a German entrepreneur and inventor. Influenced by the earthquake disaster in Haiti in January 2010, he founded PolyCare Research Technology GmbH & Co.KG together with inventor Gunther Plötner in Thuringia in February 2010 with the aim to develop a simple, plug-in and permanent emergency shelter concept made of market-ready polymer concrete.

[Building from the sand up | Gerhard Dust | TEDx](#)



Tom VERSCHUEREN **Founder dmvA Architecten**

Tom Verschueren born in 1970 in Hoogstraten, Belgium. He studied architecture at the Henry van de Velde College in Antwerp and obtained a post-graduate degree in Monument and Landscape in Antwerp. He founded the architecture office dmvA in 1997, together with his colleague David Driesen.

Polycare

What is Polycare ?

[PolyCare Research Technology GmbH & Co. KG](#) is a German laboratory and company, founded in 2010, that aimed to develop a smarter way of building and local value chains, in order to remove some of the complexity of building a house. The key driver of the company is the empowerment of people, which is, for Polycare, the most interesting solution to develop.

Through this low-cost element, Polycare enables the creation of affordable housing for all, making decent housing accessible without having to give up basic needs, such as food, access to medical care and schooling. Decent and affordable housing is also necessary for health and well-being, as well as for well-functioning economies. In addition, the demand for sustainable space has never been higher than it is today. More than a billion people do not have access to a decent place to live.

The system imagined by the Polycare laboratory therefore makes it possible to meet the needs of people in search of decent housing in a rapid manner thanks to an extremely simple construction system.

dmvA

And dmvA ?

Over the past 20 years, dmvA has built a versatile portfolio: From public buildings to large-scale residential projects to facilities and private homes. The work of [dmvA Architekten](#) can be described as expressive and meticulous, achieving maximalism through minimalism. It also involves a dedication to refined detail and materiality. By claiming to have no defined style, the architects are in fact appropriating the full range of styles. This attitude eliminates all restrictions of conformity and at the same time affirms that there is no such thing as a timeless architecture. dmvA focuses on the design process and is always looking for the added architectural value in the design.

Domaine de Boisbuchet

[Domaine de Boisbuchet](#) is an international research center dedicated to design and architecture, very involved in the transmission of knowledge to the younger generation, and where practical training has a predominant place. Renowned experts from all disciplines inspire designers and visitors. The exceptional environment of Boisbuchet is conducive to creation, and contributes to the development of innovative projects.

Created in 1986 and labeled **Pôle d'excellence rurale** (PER) in 2015, the Domaine de Boisbuchet is managed by C.I.R.E.C.A, the International Center for Research and Cultural and Agricultural Education. The campus is surrounded by 150 hectares of protected nature in southwestern France and includes an architectural park of historic and contemporary buildings. Workshops, exhibitions, and events as well as a design collection and library serve professionals and visitors from the surrounding and global community.