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## MEDIA RELEASE

# Welcome to West House!

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Ura Jones and Mike Higgins, SFU [West House](#)'s first tenants and research subjects, were the star attraction at a housewarming for the couple March 8.

About 70 people, including invited dignitaries and close to 20 media, gathered to hear speeches by SFU President Andrew Petter, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, SFU West House co-researcher [Lyn Bartram](#), and Lisa Coltart, executive director Power Smart, BC Hydro.

Bartram (SFU [SIAT](#) assoc. prof.) and her research colleagues on this project, [Robert Woodbury](#) (SFU [SIAT](#) prof.) and David Ramsle (City of Vancouver), hosted tours of West House.

West House is a first-of-its-kind sustainable living home packed with green technologies designed by several project partners and a portable interactive communication system co-designed by Bartram.

Formerly a star attraction at the City of Vancouver's Yaletown Live Site during the 2010 Olympic [Winter Games](#), West House now occupies a corner lot at Stainsbury Avenue in East Vancouver.

Bartram, Woodbury and their project partners, along with West House's tenants, plan to stage public tours of the home March 20 and 27, 1 to 4 p.m.

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