

The importance of the **school farm** in raising attainment

Conference

Friday 1 July and
Saturday 2 July 2011
Minehead, Somerset



A school farm is a teaching facility within school grounds or directly managed by a school (or other educational setting) that provides some of the following:

- Access to farm livestock
- The facilities and land needed for their up-keep
- Small scale food growing or horticultural units, green houses or poly tunnels.



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School farms are undergoing a renaissance in the UK as recognition grows of their many positive benefits. Educational attainment has been shown to increase in schools where a farm is in operation. In addition to the strengthening of well-being and citizenship that outdoor team work generates, the farm can be used as a hands-on resource for all teachers.

In the past three years more than 20 schools have developed new farm units, with at least three times that number currently exploring how to start... and the interest is growing. If you rear animals, even a few hens, or think you might be interested, then this conference is for you!

Most school farms work with a full range of abilities, and all teachers can benefit from the use of the hands-on, real life learning environment that the school farm provides. Secondary, primary, PRUs and now nurseries are all looking to gain from rearing livestock on site.

Conference programme

The conference opens at

11.30 am
on Friday 1st July
and ends at
3.30 pm
on Saturday 2nd July

with the option of day delegates.

It will include:

- Key notes speeches
- a wide choice of practical workshops
- debates
- exhibitions
- networking opportunities.

For conference enquiries:

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Who is this conference for?

Policymakers, head teachers and heads of departments, plus existing and would-be practitioners from throughout the school workforce. The conference offers the opportunity to learn more about school farming and its impact in raising attainment, and gaining new practical skills.

It will also be of interest to policy makers concerned with raising educational standards, and representatives of farming and voluntary sector agencies working with schools.

Booking notes

The fee for the conference is £120 (£144 with VAT) which includes all materials, meals and refreshments except for B&B. The day rate is £75 (£90 with VAT). A limited number of partial bursaries are available. We will email you to confirm your registration and supply details of accommodation options (some are pre-booked at a discount). The full conference programme, travel and joining details will be emailed to you nearer to the conference.

The venue is suitable for all, with disabled access.



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Online:

You can book a place at the conference and pay online with a credit card or Paypal account. Simply go to www.farmgarden.org.uk/schoolfarms and follow the instructions.

By post:

Please print and fill in the booking form below and return it to us at The GreenHouse, Hereford Street, Bristol BS3 4NA

Name: _____

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