



JOHN EDGAR TRUST

2016 / 2017 Awards



A Management Training Course for Farmers & Professionals involved in the Rural Sector

Applications are now invited for places on the 2016 / 2017 John Edgar Trust Business Management Course. The **John Edgar Trust** was set up by the many friends of the late John Edgar to perpetuate his memory. He was a highly respected Hampshire farmer who died at an early age in 1970 and who helped many young people and others to develop their careers and progression in farming

The Trust provides a fund, currently being used to assist farmers and professionals from within the rural sector in southern England by providing a management development course every two years. This course covers:

- Managing Human Resources
- Business Practice, Taxation and Law
- Planning and Financial Resource Management
- Media Management
- Leadership
- Practical Case studies and Seminars

The lead tutor is Professor John Alliston, formerly Dean of the School of Agriculture at the Royal Agricultural College (now University). He is assisted by Dr. James Jones, consultant and farmer who until recently was the College's Principal lecturer and Head of Farm Management and by other academics, professionals and leaders from inside and outside the industry.

The course is participative and applicable to practical management situations and planning for the future. The Management Development Scheme will provide an opportunity for the development of knowledge and management skills and will centre around a series of one 5-day course and two 4-day courses during the period November 2016 to March 2017.

Successful applicants will be asked to make an advance contribution of £500 towards the cost of their training. This represents a small proportion of the total costs. Bursaries are available at the discretion of the Trustees for individuals who might be unable to pay this charge.

The course will be administered by the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

Selection Criteria

The objective of the course is to develop the individual's skills and abilities to enable them to become a positive and powerful asset to their business and through that, to the industry as a whole.

On the basis of the unique opportunity that the course provides and the small number of places available, it is evident that the participants should be exceptional people who will benefit enormously from not only the programmed events, but also the chance to share the experience with like-minded individuals and learn from each other.

The selection panel will seek to identify individuals who are already established in a career and are in, or about to take up a position where they will be required to make management decisions. They will also aim to gather a balanced group that can learn from each other and show commitment to benefiting from the skills learnt. Successful applicants in the past have mostly been in the age range between their mid twenties to late thirties.

Candidates must confirm their ability to attend the whole programme. Those selected will be asked to support the aims and activities of the Trust in the future.

How to Apply for a Place

Applicants should be based in southern England and established in a career in or associated with agriculture or the land-based industries.

To apply, complete an application form (available on the website www.johnedgartrust.org.uk) and return it before **May 20th 2016**.

Interviews will be held by invitation at the RAU on **Wednesday June 22nd 2016**.

Important Dates

20 th May 2016	Closing date for applications
22 nd June 2016	Selection Interviews (by invitation) Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester
14 th - 18 th November 2016	5-day tutored course Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester
9 th – 12 th January 2017	4-day case-study course Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge
28 th February – 3 rd March 2017	4-day case-study course Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge

Comments from Previous Scholars

"The John Edgar Trust is much more than just a management course. The course showed me my strengths and how best to use them, but more importantly, isolated my weak points and helped me improve them. I took things home straight away and in three very short intense weeks made lifelong friends. I cannot recommend the John Edgar Trust Course highly enough."

"The JET course exposed a fairly hardened 35 year old to some incredible mentors and tutors and is unrivalled by my other experiences. Through hard work and a brilliant course structure, I was stripped down and put back together again in the right order to tackle my career in the agricultural sector."

"During my time on the John Edgar programme I was amazed by the diversity of both the farm visits and my fellow scholars. Seeing how different people assessed opportunities and risks has given me a much wider understanding of the rural world. This now means I can make better decisions and also have improved my skills when approaching others on controversial issues, a key part of my job as a farm management consultant"

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