

Social Farming Training Course 2014

This is a 10 week evening course which is repeated each week at two venues, Fermanagh House Enniskillen (on Tuesday evenings) and CAFRE College Greenmount, Antrim (on Thursday evenings).

Session	Date/ Venue	Course Content
1	June 24 th - Enniskillen June 26 th - Antrim	Introduction to course and to social farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is social farming? ▪ Brief historical background ▪ Evolution and changing practice
2	July 1st - Enniskillen July 3rd - Antrim	Policy context and social farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy and practice relating to rights and entitlements for people with mental health and learning challenges ▪ The policy framework for service provision and meeting the needs of people with mental health and learning challenges ▪ Social farming's fit with current health and social care directions, approaches, and practice
3	July 8th - Enniskillen July 10th - Antrim	Health, wellbeing and social farming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dealing with difference ▪ Understanding mental health and well-being ▪ Identifying and meeting needs of vulnerable people • Communications and relationship models, skills enhancement ▪ How social farming can contribute to mental health and wellbeing
4	July 15th - Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone July 17th – Hilltown, Co. Down	Farm visit Visit to pilot farm for discussion of their experiences and related issues/ challenges/benefits
5	July 22nd Enniskillen July 24th - Antrim	Social farming and the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions and feedback from farm visits ▪ People centred and community centred development ▪ The farm as social enterprise

6	<p>July 29th - Enniskillen</p> <p>July 31st - Antrim</p>	<p>Current social farming provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available opportunities, service provision and options ▪ Accessing social farming ▪ Service user choice and participation ▪ Application and selection processes and criteria
7	<p>Aug 5th - Enniskillen</p> <p>Aug 7th - Antrim</p>	<p>Planning for social farming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting started ▪ The Business Plan ▪ Establishing a clear programme ▪ Relationships and Communications ▪ Monitoring and assessing progression and benefits
8	<p>Aug 12th - Enniskillen</p> <p>Aug 14th - Antrim</p>	<p>Delivering social farming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The legal framework for service provision ▪ Guidelines and best practice for working with vulnerable adults ▪ Managing risk – a partnership approach ▪ Farm safety management
9	<p>Aug 19th – Garrison, Co. Fermanagh</p> <p>Aug 21st – Tyholland, Co. Monaghan</p>	<p>Farm visit</p> <p>Focus on risk management and ensuring safe outcomes and the challenges encountered by participating farmers, along with questions arising from previous sessions trainees would like to discuss</p>
10	<p>Aug 26th - Enniskillen</p> <p>Aug 28th - Antrim</p>	<p>Reflecting on Main Lessons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions on experience and learning from farm visits ▪ Ensuring person-centeredness through quality safe outcomes ▪ Challenges and opportunities around social farming emerging from course ▪ Evaluation of course by participants