



# AgriFood Charities Partnership (AFCP)

AFCP creates opportunities for collaboration in the agrifood sector between charities and other partners in education, training and research.

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## AFCP PROVIDES

Agrifood charities provide support for training, education and scientific research across the farming and food sector. Each charity has its own set of objectives but all have a common goal, to support a thriving and resilient British food and farming industry that is equipped with the knowledge and technical skills to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. AFCP believes that, by working more closely together, charities can enhance their individual contribution.

- **A conduit for collaboration** enabling charities to work together on projects, shared goals, best practice, ideas and processes and deliver a greater impact.
- **A central hub of information** enabling individuals searching for charitable funding in education, training and research to identify appropriate charities via the website.
- **A channel for communication** between charities, other funding bodies and educational institutions, exploring avenues for cooperation.

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## AFCP ACTIVITIES

- **A web portal** providing direct web access to UK agrifood charitable organisations and centres of education, research and knowledge exchange. Our members are highlighted but the website aims to be as inclusive as possible.
- **A newsletter** highlighting new opportunities for collaboration, meeting together, and sharing members' news.
- **Joint research projects** including a series of projects funded by AFCP members and the AHDB. These span both crops and livestock and typically include 4-5 charities.
- **Forums** both at a national and regional level, addressing strategic industry issues of relevance to charities. At the national level, issues relating to education and training have been prominent; regional forums have emphasised more local collaboration. National forums, in particular, are open to anybody with an interest in the theme. They provide a way of show-casing the work done by charities.
- **Student Forums** held biennially at a venue provided by one of our partners. To date these have included NIAB and the universities of Nottingham, Hertfordshire and Reading. The forums provide an opportunity for students funded by charities to highlight their research, network with fellow students and charity trustees, and learn something about the host organisation.

AFCP was registered as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee in February 2008 and became a registered charity no.1162177 in June 2015. The Directors and Advisers represent a range of charities and organisations. The Chair is Professor Graham Jellis and the Company Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Stephens. Our patron is Lord Curry of Kirkcaldy.

AFCP does not raise charitable funds for itself and operates at minimal costs which are largely recouped through membership subscriptions. Attendance at AFCP events is either free or at minimal charge, largely thanks to the generosity of our members and other organisations providing facilities free of charge.

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