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Agricultural Educators Awarded Over £25,000 for Global Study Tours

Six outstanding agricultural educators have been selected to receive a share of just over £25,000 to undertake groundbreaking study tours across Lesotho, the USA, Canada, Botswana, and Zambia. Funded by The Farmers Club Charitable Trust (FCCT), these educators will extend their expertise across a diverse range of agricultural themes, enhancing education and innovation in the sector.

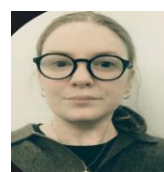
The FCCT selection panel, chaired by Mr. Tim Jackson, retired principal of Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt, alongside Farmers Club Chairman Karen Mercer and FCCT Trustees Meryl Ward and Des Lambert, carefully evaluated the applications and agreed to support six visionary projects.

Exploring Global Innovations in Agriculture

Each recipient will embark on a transformative journey, with insights and findings shared through their own teaching platforms and also through the FCCT's social media channels. Final reports and video presentations will be published on the FCCT website, creating a knowledge bank for the wider agricultural community.

Among the award recipients:

- **Mr. Gus Cassie** – Lecturer in applied animal husbandry at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine, travelling to Canada and the USA to explore successful learning environments for teaching livestock skills.
- **Dr. Claire Cresswell** – University Centre Sparsholt, expanding knowledge on regenerative and sustainable agriculture with a study tour to New Zealand.
- **Miss Carla Coghlan** – SRUC Aberdeen, researching her project 'Cow to Cone,' which aims to enhance agricultural education through the joy of ice cream production, in New Zealand.
- **Professor David Rose** – Harper Adams University, investigating approaches to improve mental well-being education in UK agricultural universities, with a visit to the USA.
- **Dr. Rosie Everett** – SRUC, focusing on the sustainable management of upland peatlands during her research trip to Lesotho.





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- **Professor Prysor Williams** – Bangor University, visiting research and teaching farms in the UK and Netherlands to strengthen agricultural education strategies.



Miss Alys Probert – Awarded a Snapshot Study as an alternative to an Agricultural Educator Award, she will explore beef management in Botswana and Zambia, the Snapshot Study is an extension of the award Alys received from the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society.

Celebrating Agricultural Education & Knowledge Sharing

Chair of the selection panel, **Mr. Tim Jackson**, said he was “delighted to chair the panel and praised the calibre of applications and emphasised the immense benefits the research will bring to the industry.” In such a fast-moving environment, it is absolutely vital that we learn from others and expand our knowledge and understanding,” said **Awards Ambassador and Trust Secretary Lisa Turner**.

Trust Chairman, Mr. Nick Green, reaffirmed the importance of education in shaping the future of agriculture: “Educating the next generation to the highest standard cannot be underestimated. By supporting these studies, we equip educators with the latest worldwide innovations and knowledge they can disseminate to future agriculturalists.”

The next round of FCCT awards will open in mid-September. Further details are available at www.tfcct.co.uk or by contacting **Lisa Turner on 07879 625660**.