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# Application Form

## Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Rural Leadership Programme 2026-27

Thank you for showing an interest in participating in the RWAS Rural Leadership Programme. This is a fully funded programme thanks to a generous legacy left by the late Mr N Griffiths and match funded by the Glamorgan County Advisory Committee who were the feature county of the RWAS in 2023.

Taking part in the Leadership Programme is an opportunity of a lifetime. As a group of up to 12 delegates, you will have an opportunity to get to know yourself and others better, make contacts with key industry figures, learn new skills around communication and handling the media, while developing your leadership style in order to enhance your career and/or business.

This year, delegates will have an opportunity to attend events connected to RWAS and travel to Cardiff and London to meet with a vast range of leadership personalities and a variety of organisations.

Before you complete your application form for the RWAS Rural Leadership Programme, there are a few key points we want to emphasise.

Successful candidates are expected to be **fully committed** to the programme after attending the Selection Day and must attend every session, and arrive promptly. Failure to commit to the programme could result in expulsion.

The **Selection Day will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**, where candidates will be required to attend an introductory session of the Programme at the Royal Welsh Showground.

Successful candidates will be invited to the Royal Welsh Show Awards Ceremony on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, where the Society will announce the successful candidates for the 2026-27 RWAS Rural Leadership Programme.

The dates for the Rural Leadership Programme have been agreed as follows:

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<b>Selection Day</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Royal Welsh Showground</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>West Country</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>September - tbc</b>	<b>Details to be announced</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>	<b>Cardiff/London</b>

On successful completion of the programme, candidates will be invited to the Awards Ceremony Presentation at the 2027 Royal Welsh Show, to receive their certificate. Only those who have taken a full and active part in the entire programme will receive the certificate.

The closing dates for applications is  
**4pm Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

Completed applications should be emailed to: [alison.harvey@ruraladvisor.co.uk](mailto:alison.harvey@ruraladvisor.co.uk)



**Section 1 – Applicant contact details:**

Name:			
Address:			
Post Code:			
Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
E-mail:		Date of Birth:	

**Section 2 - Where did you hear about the RWAS Leadership Programme?**

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**Section 3 – Education & Qualifications**

Please provide details of qualifications attained:


**Section 4 - Details of current employment**

Current role:	Employer:
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### Section 5 - Biography

*Give us a 100–150-word biography about yourself, your background, and interests:*

### Section 6 - What do you consider to be the challenges and opportunities for the Agricultural industry in Wales in the next 10 years?

*In no more than 250 words*

### Section 7 – Please outline why you have applied for the programme, what do you want to achieve from it and what is your leadership ambition for the next five years.

*In no more than 250 words*



### Section 8 – Declaration

I ..... wish to apply for a place on the Royal Welsh Rural Leadership Programme.

All information supplied in this application is true and correct.

In submitting this application, I agree for my name to go forward to the Judges Panel for consideration.

If successful I agree to participate fully and attend all sessions on the dates noted in the programme, in a prompt and professional manner.

I agree to participate in any promotional/publicity material arising out of the programme.

Signed:

Date:

*\*You may type your name above if completing an electronic application*