

UKSPF Training Grant Case Study: Let's Farm



Let's Farm is a real working farm in a beautiful, peaceful location in Winsford, Cheshire. It's an exciting and innovative community project for people with learning disabilities and difficulties. The key focus of the service is educational and giving an excellent quality of life and offering the experience to work with the environment on a local working farm. Taking part in all farming life, daily stock duties, conservation and environmental work.

Before the training, only one of the farm owners at the charity had held a tractor license qualification. Due to this, there was a need to have more staff able to use the tractor to move equipment and machinery and undertake farm-based tasks on the farm, including accessing water for animals, moving bales for haystacks and animal feed, mucking out, etc.

This training has made a massive impact on sharing workload around the farm thanks to it helping upskill four members of staff to also gain this qualification which in turn has added real value to the organisation. The training grant has brought greater efficiency and additional skills to the team, and they are delighted as a result.

How has the training grant benefited you?

"I'm pleased to share with you, the staff have completed and passed their, City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate of Competence in Tractor Driving and Related Operation. They now hold a tractor driving licence which is a legal requirement when driving on the road. It is not as easy as it looks, especially attaching and reversing a muck spreader! This was CPD on another level."

- Nicola Colenso, Let's Farm