

## Book early for best prices!

	Tier 1 (early)		Tier 2 (mid)		Tier 3 (late)	
	Special*	Full	Special*	Full	Special*	Full
Day tickets	£50	£60	£70	£85	£90	£110
Both days inc. full board #	£210	£240	£250	£290	£290	£340
24 hour rate # \$	£160	£180	£180	£205	£200	£230

Conference dinner 1st Feb, when not part of 24h or full board package

£37

Day tickets from £50!

All prices plus VAT (at 20%)

\* Special - discounted rates apply to producers, students, Friends of ORC, IOTA and FABS members

# Single occupancy. Discount of £20 per person if sharing

\$ Either day plus conference dinner, B&B

All room packages for night of Weds 1st Feb only

We have a tiered pricing system to encourage early booking, with a fixed number of tickets allocated to each tier - when they are gone, they are gone! In addition some sponsored places for producers and students are available. Please contact Gillian Woodward with your reasons for needing an assisted place.

We have negotiated good package deals for B&B at the Conference Centre but many other options including budget accommodation are available in the vicinity of the conference venue in the city centre.

## Registration:

Registration is through the online booking system, accessible via the ORC event pages. For further information:

[www.organicresearchcentre.com](http://www.organicresearchcentre.com)

or ring Gillian: 01488 658298 ext. 554

## Support us

We are seeking further funding support for producers and bursaries for students/apprentices and details will be announced on the website as soon as available.

Trade stands and sponsorship packages available – contact Gillian for details.

## Rising to the challenge: Practical organic farming solutions for an uncertain future

ORC's annual Organic Producers' Conference is the event where organic and other producers interested in ecological approaches to sustainable food production come together with researchers and advisers to share ideas on making agriculture perform better, for their businesses and society.

The Brexit referendum result has opened up a significant debate about the future of agriculture in the UK, and the place of organic food and farming within it. It's also created huge uncertainty for producers and other organic businesses, in terms not only of access to and continuation of conversion and maintenance support, but also how exchange rates and regulations might change and the impacts that will have on both domestic markets and export opportunities. How can we rise to the challenges which Brexit represents? Can we make our work and businesses more resilient to the changes that will take place in the next few years? What opportunities will the new situation present? What should we be asking of policy-makers to ensure a vibrant organic community in the future, delivering both environmental and other public goods, as well as contributing to the economic wellbeing of the UK?

As usual we have a range of practical technical sessions, on the themes of; business and markets, arable, horticulture, grassland/livestock, and food/farming policy post Brexit.

## Venue: Conference Aston

Conference Aston, part of Aston University, is a modern venue with comfortable hotel accommodation on-site. The venue is in central Birmingham, easily accessed by public transport and less than 15 minutes walk from Birmingham New Street and Snow Hill stations.

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11th Organic Producers' Conference  
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# Organic Producers' Conference

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Wednesday 1st February 2017

10.00	Registration				
11.00 to 12.30	<b>Opening plenary: Organic farming's role in future food and farming policy</b>				
	<b>Business and markets</b>	<b>Arable</b>	<b>Livestock</b>	<b>Growers</b>	<b>Policy post-Brexit</b>
13.45 to 14.45 Workshops 1	Market overview	Farmer principles of health	Crops meet livestock: the challenge of mixed farming	Getting to grips with costs of production	Latest policy and regulation developments
15.00 to 16.00 Workshops 2	Funding new entrants - new opportunities for financial support	Breeding for organic arable, which way forward?	Market opportunities for livestock products	GREATsoils Comparing different soil assessment methods	Re-thinking organic certification
16.30 to 17.30 Workshops 3	The bread line: exploring food pricing	Arable weed surgery	Practical approaches to positive health planning	Seed growing as an enterprise	Facilitating trade and export opportunities
17.45 to 18.45 Small groups/fringe	Research exchange for PhD/MSc students / Advisers' meeting / Innovative Farmers/Agriculture/Matter of scale films				
19.30	Conference dinner and entertainment				

Thursday 2nd February 2017

8.00	Registration				
8.45 to 09.45 Workshops 4	Small is adaptable	Diversifying systems	Different feeds for improved production	Potatoes post-copper	Public benefits of organic farming
10.00 to 11.00 Workshops 5	The challenges of securing organic supplies	Silvo-arable agroforestry: Latest practical guidance	Sheep breeding and health	Keeping the soil in organic	Policy post-Brexit
11.30 to 12.30 Workshops 6	Concluding workshops in each strand to identify key action points; regulatory, financial support, markets, technical/quality issues and research/innovation				
13.30 to 15.00	<b>Closing plenary: Envisioning the way forward</b>				
15.30	Close of conference				

Content and times of sessions are subject to change. Please check website for latest info.

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