

# Soil Management Seminar

for growers and gardeners, those working on land, students and apprentices

**Date: Monday, 31 March 2014, 10 am – 4pm**

**Venue: Tolhurst Organic Market Garden, Hardwick Estate, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Reading, RG8 7RD**

Few people realise just how dynamic and wonderful the soil is beneath their feet. Get down to real basics, and back to earth, with this popular and stimulating seminar run by organic experts, Iain Tolhurst and Roger Hitchings. The seminar covers all aspects of soil, from its creation to its final use. It encourages the delegate to revere and cherish this precious resource.

The seminar is a participative workshop, with trainees joining in, sharing their ideas and questions with their group; and working in groups as part of the day's activities. At the end of the day you will go home with a much better understanding of what your soil is, how it works, and how you will be able to ensure it is still there for the future. We will be looking at soils, so if you bring a sample along, we may get to have an in-depth look at it. Also bring sturdy boots/willies for field walk.

**Course cost (local and organic lunch included):**

- Reduced price for eligible participants (see below) £50 + VAT
- Full price for participants not-eligible for funding £100 + VAT

On-line booking is available at [www.organicresearchcentre.com](http://www.organicresearchcentre.com) Alternatively, you can register directly and pay by cheque, BACS or credit card by contacting Gillian Woodward at ORC (below).

**50% fee reduction for English producers and others obtaining a living from agriculture or agricultural products**

Eligibility includes producers and employees of producer groups, supply chain businesses, direct retailers, small consultancy businesses, but not multiple retailers, government departments, agencies or public bodies including universities. Participants must be living/working in England. To benefit please complete and sign the form overleaf and bring along to the event. You can still register and pay on line using the ORC website.

**100% fee reduction available for young people from Berkshire**

If you are 26 or under, resident in Berkshire and training (student/apprentice) to or starting a career in agriculture, you may qualify for one of our **Gordon Palmer Memorial Trust bursaries**. Please contact Gillian Woodward with details of your address, age and circumstances to check eligibility.

**Contact: Phone 01488 658298 or e-mail: [gillian.w@organicresearchcentre.com](mailto:gillian.w@organicresearchcentre.com)**

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY DELIVERY PARTNER**

Title of the Course:

Training Course Unique ID:  Training Provider:

Duration of course (total hours):  Start Date:  Finish Date:

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN INK (OR ELECTRONICALLY) USING BLOCK CAPITALS**

First Names(s):  Surname:

First Line of Home address:  Home Postcode:

Home Phone or Mobile No:  Personal E-mail:

Age: Less than 25  25-40  Over 40  Gender: Male  Female

Are you: Employed  Self-Employed  Employer

Employment Status: Full-time  Part-time  Casual  Seasonal

Please tick your ethnicity: White  Indian  Black Caribbean  Other Black  Other Ethnic Group   
Mixed  Pakistani  Other Asian  Black African  Chinese  Prefer not to say

**Business Details**

Business Name:

Business Address:  Business Postcode:

Business Telephone No:

Are you happy for us to contact your employer if we require further information?: Yes  No

State type of Business (livestock, agriculture, food industry, forestry etc.):

No of Full-time employees: Less than 10  10 – 50  51 – 249  250 or more

Please tick all relevant descriptions for your business: Agric - Livestock  Agric - General  Forestry   
Individual Farmer  Dairy Farmer  Micro Enterprise – balance sheet less than EUR 2 million   
Non-profit Organisation  Public Organisation  Other

Turnover of company: Over £42 Million  Under £42 Million  Don't know

**Declaration – the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that:**

- I have had the programme eligibility explained to me and acknowledge that the information provided is true and accurate, and is required for equal opportunity monitoring purposes when training is undertaken.
  - Data Protection Act 1998: CCA LandSkills, the CCA LandSkills consortium of training providers & Defra will process this information for the purposes of accounting and auditing for this programme only. In certain circumstances, individuals may be approached to pursue further marketing and publicity opportunities. However your personal details will not be used for publicity purposes unless you give your written permission to do so.
  - I am either, currently in an advanced technical, management or Advanced Management role/supervisory role, or I aspire to progress to this level in the future and work in the agricultural, horticultural or forestry management sectors.
  - I agree that any match funding required by the delivery partner is to be paid
- This programme is funded through the European and UK government and as such the information you have provided will be passed to DEFRA and other government business support and training programmes, who may contact you to monitor your attendance on courses run through the CCA LandSkills Programme.*

Participant Signed:  Date: