



Challenge of Rural Leadership

Fees and Funding

The course fee for the 2026 Challenge of Rural Leadership is £6,700 per delegate, to include food and accommodation at Dartington Hall for two weeks. Programme materials are also included.

Most delegates attending the course are either fully or partially funded by their employer, business, personal contribution, or through sponsorship.

All candidates selected for interview will need to indicate during the interview, how they intend to fund their attendance, if a place is offered. They will also be required to confirm to the panel, that if a place is offered, they are confident of obtaining the funding required to take up that place.

Advice regarding potential sources of grant funding, is available through Duchy College and/or the Worshipful Company of Farmers. Candidates seeking advice on funding should, in the first instance, follow this link: <https://farmerslivery.org.uk/courses/sponsorship-and-funding/>

It should be noted that the Worshipful Company of Farmers is committed to ensuring that no candidate is excluded from attending the Challenge of Rural Leadership simply through lack of funds. Where appropriate the Company will make grants available to individuals with genuine need.

Please do not feel that funding needs to be in place before you begin the application process; support will be given as you progress.

For more information about possible sources of funding and the possibility of WCF support, please contact:

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