

SKILLS & MENTORING DASHBOARD

December 2016 – February 2017

RAG Status

■ Red: Behind with target ■ Amber: Nearly achieved target ■ Green: Target on track

Accredited Training Courses ■

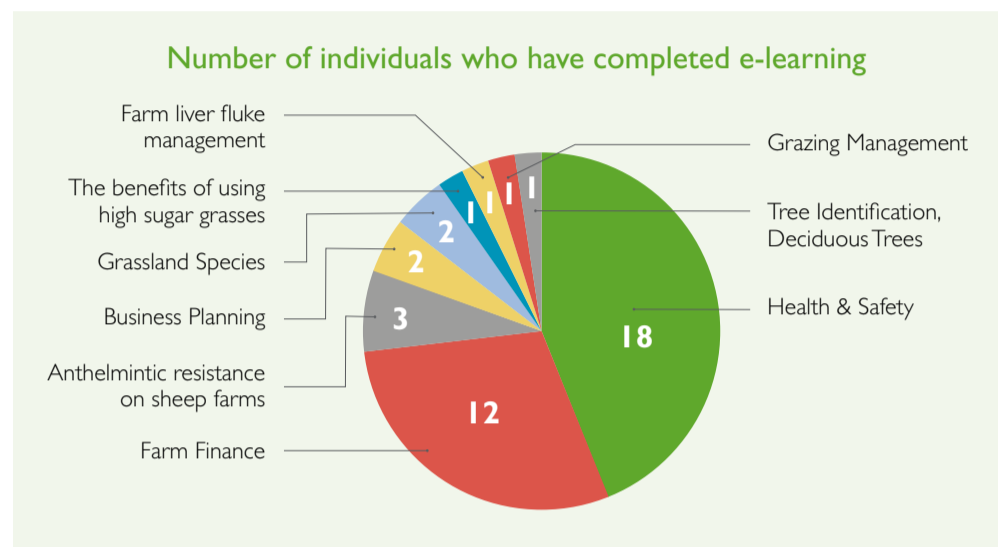
2502 beneficiaries have received approval for accredited training since 01/10/15

Personal Development Plans ■

A total of **65** online Personal Development Plans have been completed.

E-learning ■

Of the 23 modules that are available to date, **41** individuals have completed e-learning.



Agri Academy ■

The Rural Leadership Class of 2016 completed their Agri Academy programme in January with a visit to Cardiff.

Succession planning workshop

Session on governance and leadership

Brexit seminar

Leading a high performance team

Meeting with BT to challenge them on rural connectivity

Media training

Attending the FUW Farmhouse Breakfast in Cardiff Bay

Tour of Senedd and attendance of plenary session



Meeting with **Prof. Christianne Glossop**, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales



Meeting with **Lesley Griffiths AM**, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs



Meeting with **Andrew Slade**, Director of Agriculture, Food & Marine

Meeting with Gary Haggaty, Dep. Director of Agriculture & Sustainable Development Division



FUW Breakfast



At the BBC



Outside Senedd

What did the members make of it?



Geraint Davies

"The Academy has been an inspirational experience for me. I have a fantastic new group of like-minded, ambitious friends and I'm looking forward to continuing with this unique support network which I know will benefit us all and also be good for the industry at what is undoubtedly a challenging time."

[Click here to read more about Geraint's experience](#)



Helen Howells

"The Agri Academy introduced me to a network of ambitious and dynamic individuals, all with a passion for working in rural Wales. It was beneficial to travel together to get an EU-perspective of Brexit from the people who need to implement it. And being able to consider the impacts on the range of different farm systems we all manage."

[Click here to read more about Helen's experience](#)

Agri Academy Business & Innovation group met with Hybu Cig Cymru in February. Topics included;

- Export development, UK retail, health and education
- Market intelligence, selection for slaughter, genetic improvement and animal health
- Marketing and communications



 Read tweets from members by searching **#agriacademy**



Application window for Agri Academy 2017 has opened!

Closing date 31st March



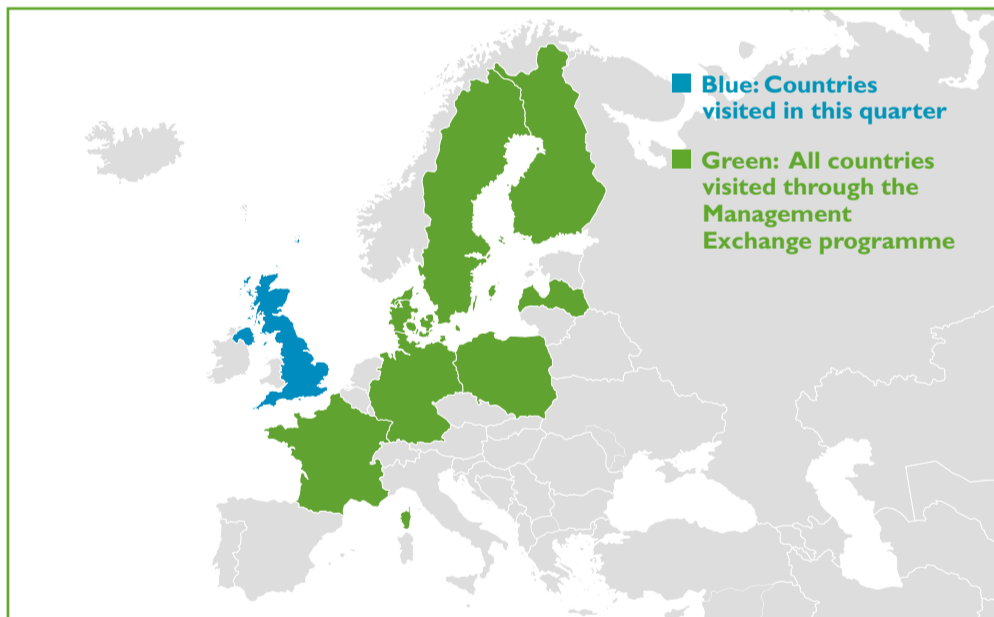
Discussion Topics



Free range eggs **Pullet Rearing**
Goat meat production **Managing Farm**
Combined heat and power technology **Women and Brexit** **common land secretaries** **Finishing native cattle**
Young entrepreneurs **Living off 10 acres** **Resilience and time management**
Understand your market **Career options for student** **Diversification**
Anti-microbial resistance options
Foraging fruit, nuts and charcoal

Management Exchange ■

The countries visited by the Management Exchange programme are highlighted green.



Iwan Davies

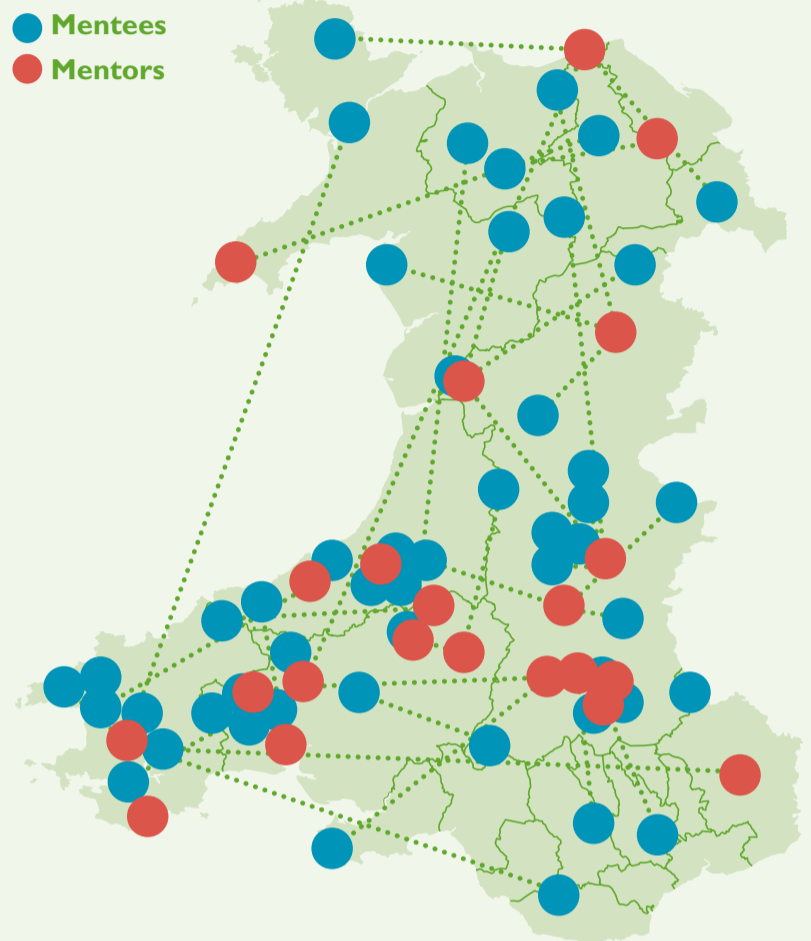


Visited Scotland and Exeter in February 2017.
Focus on: Breeding native breed cattle; keeping cattle grazed on deferred grazing kale crops in the winter; keeping the herd out on mountain all year round.
 Read more about Iwan's exchange here

Lucy Allison



Visited Ireland in January 2017.
Focus on: Looking at breed and grass production to increase milk solids produced per cow and per hectare, weekly management decisions, financial and technical efficiency data.
 Read more about Lucy's exchange here



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Topics of discussion between mentors and mentees

Finishing cattle **Improve current**
Lambing management **sheep enterprise**
Building design **New laying hen business** **Increase output from an organic system**
New farm shop **Alternative horticultural crops including lavender** **Calf rearing**
Guidance on joint ventures
PYO soft fruit enterprise **Sheep management systems**
Duck meat slaughter and processing facility **Soft fruit, vegetables and woodland for tourism enterprise**
Grassland improvement
Planning for the future **Expanding the business and processing facility** **Suckler beef system viability**

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