

Expression of Interest for farmers and agricultural stakeholders to deliver educational talks and host farm visits as part of the Let's Talk Farming accredited Programme (2026–2027)

1. Scope

Following the successful implementation of the fourth edition of the *Let's Talk Farming (LTF) Accredited Programme*, the Agriculture Directorate within the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply (MAFF) is inviting Expressions of Interest from farmers and other stakeholders actively engaged in the agricultural sector to deliver educational sessions to primary, middle and secondary school students and/or host educational visits to agricultural sites across Malta and Gozo during the 2026–2027 scholastic year.

The programme offers a range of educational activities focusing on agriculture, food production and sustainability, complementing subjects already taught within the National Curriculum. Through interactive classroom sessions and hands-on learning experiences at agricultural sites, students will gain a greater understanding of the journey of food from farm to table and the importance of agriculture in everyday life.

Through this programme, we seek to foster a greater appreciation of agriculture and the vital contribution made by farmers and other agricultural stakeholders to food security and environmental sustainability.

2. Objectives of the Programme

The *Let's Talk Farming Accredited Educational Programme* aims to strengthen students' understanding of agriculture, food production and sustainability by providing engaging educational experiences both within the classroom and through visits to agricultural sites.

The programme seeks to:

- Increase students' awareness of the importance of agriculture and the agricultural sector in Malta and Gozo;
- Promote appreciation for the work and contribution of farmers and other agricultural stakeholders as food producers;
- Enhance students' understanding of where food comes from, how it is produced and the importance of sustainable agricultural practices;
- Encourage healthy eating habits through greater awareness of locally produced agricultural products;

- Complement the National Curriculum by providing practical, interactive learning experiences linked to subjects such as science, mathematics, languages, social studies and environmental education;
- Foster stronger collaboration between schools, farmers and the wider agricultural community.

Through this Expression of Interest, the Agriculture Directorate aims to establish a pool of suitably qualified and experienced farmers and agricultural stakeholders who can contribute to delivering high-quality educational experiences throughout the programme.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this Expression of Interest:

Applicant means any farmer or stakeholder submitting an application to participate in the programme.

Educational Session means an educational presentation, workshop or other interactive activity delivered to students within participating schools.

Agricultural Site means a farm, agricultural holding, processing facility or any other approved agricultural location where educational visits may be conducted.

Participating School means any State, Church or Independent school participating in the *Let's Talk Farming Accredited Programme*.

Programme means the *Let's Talk Farming Accredited Programme* for the 2026–2027 scholastic year.

4. Eligibility Requirements

This Expression of Interest is open to farmers and stakeholders who are actively involved in the agricultural sector and possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to deliver educational sessions and/or host educational visits.

Applicants must:

- Be actively engaged in the agricultural sector;
- Deliver educational sessions on agriculture-related topics, including but not limited to agriculture, soil health, food production, food processing, microgreens, beekeeping, organic farming, agricultural history, food safety and other related subjects;
- Prepare age-appropriate educational material suitable for students from Kindergarten to Secondary level;

- Communicate effectively in both Maltese and English;
- Use visual, practical and interactive teaching aids where appropriate;
- Deliver educational sessions lasting between one hour and one and a half hours;
- Engage effectively with students and respond to their questions in an informative and age-appropriate manner;
- Be available during normal school hours and, where required, outside these hours by prior agreement;
- Have access to their own transport.

The following will be considered an asset:

- Previous experience working with children or young people;
- Experience in delivering educational talks, workshops or presentations;
- Relevant qualifications or certifications related to agriculture, education or health and safety.

Applicants selected to participate in the programme will also be required to:

- Sign a declaration confirming their commitment to fulfilling the responsibilities of the programme;
- Comply with all applicable safeguarding, health and safety and programme requirements;
- Ensure that any agricultural site proposed for educational visits complies with all applicable health and safety requirements.

5. Terms and Conditions

A fee of **€35** (inclusive of all taxes and expenses) will be paid for each completed educational session lasting between one hour and one and a half hours in Malta.

A fee of **€45** (inclusive of all taxes and expenses) will be paid for each completed educational session lasting between one hour and one and a half hours in Gozo.

Where travel between Malta and Gozo is required, the cost of the ferry ticket will be reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant ticket.

The fee payable for educational visits to agricultural sites will be agreed with each selected provider prior to the commencement of the programme and will be established as a fixed rate per student attending the visit.

Participation in this programme does not establish an employment relationship between the Agriculture Directorate and the selected applicants. Selected applicants shall be engaged only for the educational services requested under the programme.

6. Submission of Applications

Interested applicants are invited to submit their Expression of Interest by email to letstalkfarming.maff@gov.mt by **Friday, 11th September 2026** and to apply via the Let's Talk Farming website <https://letstalkfarmingmalta.com/> and clicking on "Register as a Partner" to complete the online registration form.

Late applications will not be considered.

Applications must include:

- A Curriculum Vitae outlining educational background and relevant experience within the agricultural sector;
- A recent Police Conduct Certificate;
- Copies of relevant qualifications, certificates and testimonials;
- Copies of First Aid certification, where applicable.

Applicants may also include photographs or brief descriptions of previous educational activities or agricultural sites, where relevant.

An acknowledgement email will be issued upon receipt of each application.

For further information, applicants may contact the Let's Talk Farming team on **2292 4203** during office hours (Monday to Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.).

7. Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by a Selection Board appointed by the Agriculture Directorate.

The Board shall evaluate applications against the eligibility requirements and the applicant's ability to contribute effectively to the objectives of the programme.

Applicants who do not satisfy the eligibility requirements will be informed accordingly by email.

Eligible applicants may be invited to attend an interview at the Agriculture Directorate offices at the AgriHub in Ghammieri.

All qualifications, experience and other information provided in the application must be supported by the relevant certificates and/or testimonials. Electronic copies will be accepted.

Selected applicants shall, throughout the duration of their engagement, report to the Director of Agriculture or his/her delegated representative.

Selected applicants must declare any actual or potential conflict of interest that may arise during the performance of their duties.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide their services throughout the duration of the programme, from **October 2026 to May 2027**.

The Agriculture Directorate reserves the right to request additional information or documentation, amend the programme requirements where necessary, or terminate an applicant's participation should the terms of the programme not be complied with.

The decision of the Agriculture Directorate regarding the selection of applicants shall be final.