



We invite you to join us on Tuesday 12th June 2018  
for an afternoon conference at Birches Valley Forest Centre,  
Cannock Chase, to share good practice and ideas

## ***Social Farming and its Wider Impact***

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12.30pm Arrival  
**Grazing Table Buffet Lunch and Networking**

1.00pm  
**Welcome and Introduction**  
Julie White

1.15pm  
**Therapeutic Activities with Animals, Plants and The Countryside**  
**We know that it works but why?**  
Dr John Hegarty  
Keele University

1.45pm  
**The WELLIES Project - enabling organic growth and development**  
Nick Platt

2.15 pm  
**Making Volunteers an integral and valuable part of Social Farming Projects**  
Robyn Hughes and Mary Derrick  
Derbyshire County Council Volunteer Passport Project and The Connection Space CIC

2.30pm  
**Linking with universities to provide opportunities for students and valuable research**

2.45pm  
**Cake Break- English Cream Tea**  
**a selection of cakes, scones, jam and cream.**

3.15pm  
**A Celebration of the Erasmus European Funded Social Farming, Social Action Project – highlights, ideas and inspiration**

3.45- 4.15pm  
**Working with animals and therapy all over the world- what works and why**  
Teodoro Mariscal – Bocalan in Spain

4.30pm  
**Depart**

Places are free of charge to attend but there is limited availability.  
Booking is essential [info@growingruralenterprise.co.uk](mailto:info@growingruralenterprise.co.uk)

by 12 noon on Tuesday 5th June 2018



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