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# 2021 Course Brochure



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# NOTS 2021 Courses

Course Name	Course Description / Information	
<b>Agroforestry Conference 2021</b>	A 1-day event organised in conjunction with the new Irish Agroforestry Forum. Expert speakers and presenters on the future of agroforestry in Ireland	
<b>Agronomy Support for Cereal / Vegetable Growers</b>	Learn key tips for organic growing in all types of soils. For cereal and vegetable growers. Includes entry to NOTS' Agronomy Group.	
<b>Biochar Production Course</b>	Introductory course into the production of Biochar - a key component for soil health in regenerative agriculture models	
<b>BioFarm 2021</b>	The return of Ireland's only Biological / Regenerative Agriculture Conference. Now in its' fourth year, BioFarm 2021 already has many tickets sold - go to <a href="https://nots.ie">nots.ie</a> to get yours.	
<b>Business of Food - Multiple Courses</b>	Taught by renowned food business expert Blathnaid Bergin. Includes flagship "Business of Food" course with Ballymaloe Cookery School	
<b>Certificate in Organic Horticulture</b>	2-year / QQI Accredited distance learning course on organic horticulture with The Organic College (an tIonad Glas), Dromcollogher	
<b>Composting Introduction &amp; Intermediate Courses</b>	Taught by Jim Cronin, these include an introductory course on the benefits of composting & organic compost management, and a more intermediate / farm scale course	
<b>Crop Planning for 2022</b>	Taught by leading agronomist John Hogan, this 1-day course covers the full scope of planning your vegetable growing year	
<b>Dry Stone Wall Building Workshops</b>	Learn how to build, maintain, and repair dry stone walls - Multiple locations with courses taught by experts from the Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland.	
<b>Future Growers Conference</b>	1-day event hosted by the Organic Growers of Ireland (OGI). For small growers, vegetable growers, and horticulturalists.	

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<p><b>Growing in Polytunnels (Online) Introduction</b></p>	<p>A 10-week online EAP course taught by Klaus Laitenberger (right), this interactive programme gives you an introductory outline to growing vegetables organically in polytunnels</p>	
<p><b>Growing in Polytunnels (Online) Year 2</b></p>	<p>This more intermediate level course takes the next step following a full year of growing - including routes to market, pricing, case studies, and innovative methods</p>	
<p><b>Holistic Management Courses (Online)</b></p>	<p>Taught by 3LM, these online courses include Holistic Fundamentals, Holistic Planned Grazing, and EOV (Ecological Outcome Verification).</p>	
<p><b>Intro to Market Gardening with Jim Cronin</b></p>	<p>7 sessions with legendary horticulture expert Jim Cronin on his farm in Co Clare. Takes place every second Saturday across three months.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction to No-Dig Organic Market Gardening</b></p>	<p>Taught by Richard Perkins, this 1-day online course covers everything from bed formation, farm layout, crop choice, composting, and more</p>	
<p><b>Introduction to Pastured Layers / Egg Production</b></p>	<p>1-day online course taught by Richard Perkins featuring a full run-down of planning an egg production enterprise - from starting a flock to marketing and promotion</p>	
<p><b>Introduction to Pastured Poultry / Table Bird Production</b></p>	<p>Full 1-day programme taught online by Richard Perkins on pastured broilers and turkeys. All of Richard's courses include an option to access a copy of his book.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction to Soil Management &amp; Biological Farming</b></p>	<p>Learn the principles of soil management and soil organic matter following biological / regenerative agriculture methods</p>	
<p><b>Masters (MSc) in Organic Farming</b></p>	<p>Our flagship organic Masters programme. Run in partnership with SRUC in Scotland. 3-year distance learning course.</p>	
<p><b>New &amp; Alternative Routes to Market for Farmers &amp; Growers</b></p>	<p>New course for small growers &amp; processors to help them reach new marketplaces. Includes practical and technical advice from experts</p>	

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Organic Combinable Crop Agronomy with Tom Fouhy	Running from March - September, this practical course includes farm visits, and topics such as Rotations, Min-till, Intercropping, Green manures, weed control, and more	
Organic Protein Crop Production with Tom Fouhy	Taught by Tom Fouhy, including visits to his farm in Cork, this course focuses on Organic Protein Crop production, including varieties and mixes, crop rotation, and much more.	
Organic Market Gardening Course	QQI Level 5 accredited course. Taught by Jim Cronin in Clare, this is a 9-month course held every 2nd Wednesday. Begins late February and places fill up fast - contact us ASAP.	
Organic Production Principles (OPP)	25-hour QQI Certified course (Level 5) - used for entry into the Organic Farming Scheme. Course will be run online - 4 times in 2021.	
Organic Salad Production Course	Taught by renowned horticulture expert Jim Cronin. Includes a general salad production course and a Winter Salad 1-day course.	
Pricing Organic Vegetables - An Expert Guide	In-depth online pricing course with Jim Cronin and John Hogan discussing how to price your vegetables - and how much yield you should be aiming for.	
Seed Saving Courses	Multiple short courses run in conjunction with the Irish Seed Savers Association (ISSA)	
Soil Health Academy with Gabe Brown	A 3-day Soil Health Masterclass led by legendary regenerative farmer Gabe Brown. Tailored presentations and demonstrations to fit the climate and diversity of Ireland.	
Sourdough Bread Making Courses	With Riot Rye Bakehouse in Cloughjordan, Co Tipperary. 1-day course - learn the fundamentals of sourdough bread making.	

- More courses will be added throughout the year
- Go to [www.ots.ie](http://www.ots.ie) for the full, up-to-date course list
- All courses are subject to COVID 19 protocols where applicable
- We are always looking to add new courses to our portfolio. If you have any suggestions for future programmes, email us at [info@ots.ie](mailto:info@ots.ie)