



## RDPE Network and National Care Farming Initiative

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
15.00-16.30, John Dower House, Cheltenham

### Purpose of the meeting:

- To explore the extent to which RDPE is able to support social farming activity;
- To explore whether there is a gap and a need for sharing information, ideas and practice around the ways in which RDPE can support social farming activity;
- To discuss whether and how England should be represented within the NRN social farming thematic initiative

### Agenda:

#### 1. Introductions

- NCFI: Aims and activity
- RDPE: General overview of policy objectives
- RDPE Network: Aims and activity

#### 2. Links between social farming and rural development programmes across the EU

- Update on proposed EN RD/NRNs\* social farming thematic initiative
- Discussion on England representation within this initiative

#### 3. Discussion around the gap and need for sharing information, ideas and practice on the ways in which RDPE can support social farming activity and the possible regional variations within England

#### 4. Next steps

- What?
- Who?

\* European Network for Rural Development / National Rural Networks



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:  
Europe investing in rural areas