

Introduction to the Natural Resources Institute (NRI)

Transcript

Voice-over

Here at the Natural Resources Institute, we are world renowned for our work in supporting sustainable development, economic growth and poverty reduction.

Our activities benefit both industrial and developing worlds; finding solutions for the food industry and harnessing natural and human resources to improve peoples' lives, such as introducing new farming technologies, improving food marketing systems, overcoming challenges like pests and disease and filling skills gaps in developing agricultural markets.

We offer taught and research based postgraduate programmes and short courses for food industry professionals. You will learn from experienced staff and enjoy excellent facilities, like our controlled environment room and molecular biology suite.

Professor Phil Stevenson Professor of Plant Chemistry

"The National Resources Institute carries out research and consultancy primarily in developing countries aimed at improving the livelihoods of farmers and others with a focus to raise poor people out of poverty."

Professor Andrew Westby Director, Natural Resources Institute

"We work in Africa, Asia, Latin America and also in many of the developing economies of the world. We have an expanding amount of work here in the UK and also within Europe."

Lora Forsythe Research Fellow, Livelihood and Institutions Department

"The benefits of doing my PhD with NRI is that they have got such a wonderful international reputation. We work with fantastic partners."

Ernest Mensah Abraham PhD Water and Environment Management Student

"I think the opportunities to work abroad are enormous. I can also find opportunities in industry or find myself in teaching and research."

Professor Andrew Westby Director, Natural Resources Institute

"An important part of the work we do here at the Natural Resources Institute is our education programmes. We offer research degrees, MPhils and PhDs and also Master's programmes, particularly in food safety and quality management but also in natural resources and in rural systems dynamics."

Ernest Mensah Abraham PhD Water and Environment Management Student

"I am looking at how access to water is contributing to the livelihoods of communities in Africa."

Professor Andrew Westby Director, Natural Resources Institute

"Within the institute we have four key areas of work, food and markets, making agriculture work for the poor, change and vulnerability and capacity strengthening."

Adrienne Martin Director of Programme Development

"Capacity strengthening is a very important part in nearly everything that we do. It is essentially about developing skills, both technical skills and managerial skills, knowledge and network experience for our partners in research and development activity."

Rick Hodges Reader in Postharvest Entomology, Food and Markets Department

"NRI is a dynamic place and one of its really great strengths is that it combines the social science skills of its staff with the natural science skills to deliver development outcomes and that is something a great many organisations elsewhere do not do, they specialise in one thing or another, they do not combine those skills."

Professor Phil Stevenson Professor of Plant Chemistry

"All the research that we carry out is demand led and that is a very important part of the work we do and it really means that the research we carry out matters."

Professor Steve Torr Research Leader, Methods of Controlling Tsetse Flies in Africa

"To be voted one of the 10 most important discoveries by a UK university in the past 60 years has really highlighted the sort of work we have been doing at NRI. It ranges from real basic research right through to developing novel methods for tackling a disease that literally affects millions of people in Africa."

Professor John Morton Head, Department of Livelihoods and Institutions

"The university, and this campus in particular, has an excellent library. We have excellent lab facilities and we have the resources of our staff."



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“The NRI teaching staff are very fortunate in that most of what they teach is based on their own experiences and I think that brings a very important aspect to that component in NRI’s provision.”

Professor Andrew Westby

Director, Natural Resources Institute

“The Natural Resources Institute provides research, consultancy, advice and education in support of sustainable development, food security, economic growth and poverty reduction around the world.”

Professor Phil Stevenson

Professor of Plant Chemistry

“The whole raison d’être for the institute is that it affects peoples’ lives. It helps to provide information and technologies that bring people out of poverty and for people that want to study here, they will be coming here with the knowledge that when they work here, when they carry out research here, when they study here, they will be working in an environment that is directing its efforts towards making a difference to poor people and raising them out of poverty.”

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