



*To improve agriculture and livelihoods in the developing world by teaching trainers to train more effectively and training institutes and organisations to deliver better quality training through improving management*

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## About Boat

Welcome to BOAT which was founded 21 years ago by a group of Devon farmers who wanted to help people from developing countries to produce more food and improve their livelihoods. They planned to do that providing training to people in institutions that trained others such as agricultural colleges or institutes. In this way they could reach a larger audience and effectively train the trainers.

Since it began it has provided training to over 100 trainers from a range of countries particularly in east Africa. Some of this training has been vocational in nature in disciplines such as farm machinery and dairy goat husbandry. More recently BOAT has offered residential training courses at Bicton College in Devon, UK, to help senior people to manage their organisations and institutes more effectively and efficiently. This course is called Institutional Management and Business Planning and is now accredited by the University of Plymouth.

Six participants attended the newly-accredited course in 2012 and a further six started on 10 April 2013. Further details of the students are given in the [Our Work](#) section. BOAT has also run a two-week Workshop on **Institution Management and Business Planning** at the Tengeru campus of the Livestock Training Agency of the Tanzanian Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development near Arusha.

A successful Workshop was also delivered to 29 participants by Professor John Wibberley and David Wendover at the Natural Resources College in Malawi on the topic on [Sustainable Agricultural Management](#) in the summer of 2012. This is part of our longer term strategy to reach a wider audience by holding Workshops in country.

None of this can be achieved without the hard work of our fundraisers, sponsors and Friends of BOAT. I thank them for their tremendous efforts and anyone reading this who would like to contribute, please [click here](#). **Fred Harper, Chairman BOAT, April 2014**