



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Growers Leading Change?

Growers Leading Change (GLC) is an arable industry extension programme which will develop an extension framework to encourage arable businesses to develop, test and introduce new ideas, technologies and ways of working, in order to improve their farm, industry and community sustainability. It is a three-year, \$2.5 million project jointly funded by the Ministry for Primary Industry's Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures fund (SFFF) and FAR. GLC began in October 2020.

What is an Arable Growth Group?

An Arable Growth Group (AGG) is a professionally facilitated discussion group made up of around ten farm businesses with a shared focus. AGGs may be locally or nationally based. GLC funding covers speakers, visits, on-farm try-outs and demonstrations. An AGG may run for one to three years, depending on their chosen focus topic.

What does a facilitator do?

GLC provides each AGG with a professional facilitator, who also acts as group co-ordinator. At meetings, the facilitator's role is to lead discussions and encourage information sharing and wider thinking to assist the group to achieve its learning goals.

What is a Pathfinder Farm?

Pathfinder Farm owners and managers are forward thinking growers who have chosen to transition their farm to a new agronomic, environmental or business management system. GLC will support Pathfinder Farms by providing technical and research support. Pathfinder Farms will help to identify sustainability pathways for the rest of the arable sector. As they are looking at major systems changes, it is anticipated that they will run for three to five years and may be supported by a group of other farmers.

Who can be involved in GLC?

Any FAR levy payer may seek to join a relevant AGG, or become a Pathfinder Farm. Industry professionals may also choose to be involved.

Do growers have to pay to join?

GLC is funded by FAR and MPI and there is no direct monetary cost to grower participants. However, participants must be willing and able to invest time, and if on-farm trials are to be included, some investment of land and equipment may also be necessary.

I'm already in a farm discussion group, can that group become an AGG?

GLC will consider signing up existing discussion groups, where they meet standard application criteria. This will include being focused on specific issues and working with a GLC appointed facilitator.

How can I find out more about setting up or joining a group?

All the information you need is on this website. Alternatively, email glc@far.org.nz or call FAR on 03 345 5783.