

The Institution of Agricultural Engineers

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IAgrE Award for Contribution to the Land-based Sector

David Kirschner

David's contribution to the landbased sector is exceptional.

Starting out as an apprentices agricultural engineer he started out servicing Massey Ferguson machinery before working in technical development and training with Renault Agriculture and later Claas. His passion for developing the next generation of technicians and service engineers know no bounds.

After retirement from frontline training and education delivery with the farm machinery sector, David moved on to advise the Land-based Engineering industry on a broad range of matters designed to improve the recruitment, quality, status and retention of engineering technicians and service engineers. His achievements, since his "so called" retirement have been broad ranging:

Working with the AEA, BAGMA and IAgrE, together with a number of significant farm machinery manufacturers to establish the

Land-based Training Accreditation Scheme.

Ongoing efforts to widen the number of manufacturers involved with LTA and broadening its scope to include parts staff and managers.

Work on behalf of industry to ensure that the National Occupational Standards for Land-based Engineering reflect its needs.

Leading the development of apprenticeship standards for the Land-based Engineering Service Engineer and Land-based Service Engineering Technician, including the establishment of assessment standards and quality assurance.

Representing the landbased engineering industry on the government panel set up to agree the standards and content of the emerging "T-Level" qualifications.

David is much respected for his knowledge, passion for the industry, and high expectations. He adopts a "can do" approach to everything he does and always goes that extra mile to make things happen.

He is one of the most reliable advocates of the land-based engineering industry and his contribution is exceptional.

