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Aurelie Moralis, President of NIVA, cordially invites you to attend the

## **NIVA AGM**

to be held in

**Dunadry Hotel, Antrim** 

# Wednesday 12th February



**Guest speaker:** 

### **Richard Moore**

with a talk entitled

## Everybody had a Donkey

An introduction to the significant role equines can play in improving human physical and mental health

#### **Richard Moore**

Richard retired from a career in the meat industry in 2016. He was formerly joint managing director of Linden Foods, a major NI beef and lamb exporter, and latterly managing director of Linergy, an animal by-products and renewable energy company. He also chaired two trade bodies, the NI Meat Exporters Association and the Northern Ireland Food and Drink Association.

In his working life he met <u>Temple Grandin</u>, an American professor of animal science and consultant to the livestock industry. Professor Grandin is a prominent autism spokesperson.

He has a interest in horses and had read a little about animal-human, and particularly horse-human relationships in his spare time. From this developed a curiosity about equine assisted therapy and learning. He volunteers at a local RDA group.

In retirement Richard decided to commit some time, energy and money to support the development of EAT&L locally, with a view that NI could become a centre of excellence in these disciplines.

He is currently on the boards of <u>NOW Group</u>, a socia<mark>l enterprise supporting people with learning difficulties and autism, and <u>Re-Gen Waste Ltd</u>, a local waste management and recycling company. Both organisations have been very supportive of the fledgling initiatives in EAT&L.</mark>

#### Everyone is welcome to the main presentation!

This includes spouses, partners and family members.

Please register your intention to attend by e-mailing info@vetni.co.uk or tel. 028 25898543

Please note anticipated timings, including those for the BVA NI Branch AGM:

7.00pm BVA NI Branch AGM (BVA members only)

7.30pm Refreshments

7.45pm NIVA AGM (NIVA members only)

8.30pm Richard Moore's presentation (open to all vets and guests)

Registration fee for Richard's presentation (for anyone who is neither a NIVA nor a BVA member) - £5

Forms for nominating new NIVA Council members/Officers are available at www.vetni.co.uk/NIVA or can be posted out to you on request by phoning 028 25898543