



The project will be headed up by Derek O' Byrne White, AQHA Professional Horseman and level 4 IQHA instructor.

It will be supported by members of the IQHA board and various international AQHA professionals.



ABOUT THE IQHA

The IQHA has evolved into an organisation that provides something for everyone in Ireland with an interest in Western Inspired Horsemanship. The recent branding of its trade name "Western Riding Ireland" invites people with any breed of horse to become involved with IQHA and our educational pathway.

The IQHA is proud to be the sole Affiliate in Ireland of The American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), and an affiliate of Horse Sport Ireland

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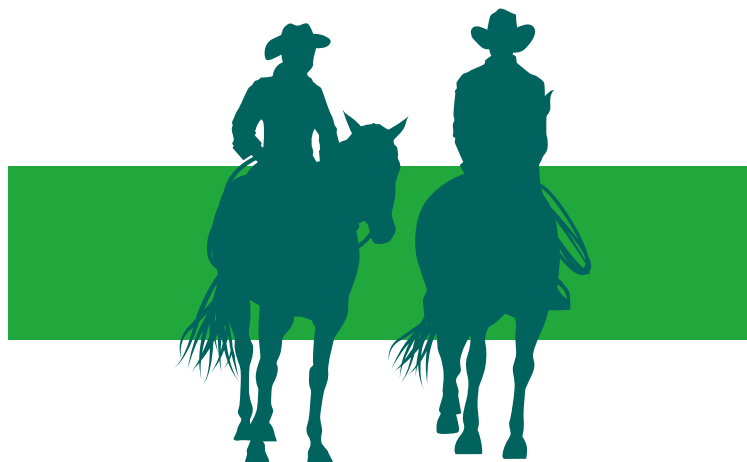
Developed by IQHA & AQHA professionals to help members and non-members from underrepresented communities and disadvantaged areas to obtain training and certification of competency in foundation horsemanship

Course Objectives:

- ✓ Establish a horsemanship training matrix and syllabus
- ✓ enable participants to participate, own or work proficiently and safely around horses

Participants can be all aged and previous experience with horses is not necessary. Participants do not even have to own their own horse, nor do they have to bring their own horse to an assessment. Participants, on successful participation & completion, would then be certified to a level of competency and safety around horses. There would be 4 Levels.

The objective of this pilot is to establish and deliver Level 1 for September 2023



Course Benefits:

- ✓ Anyone regardless of experience or background can participate
- ✓ It will be of particular benefit to disadvantaged groups
- ✓ Better opportunities for paid employment in the equine industry
- ✓ Bring fun and enjoyment back into horses
- ✓ Create a new purpose for horses that can't be ridden anymore
- ✓ Competitions suitable for all levels through the IQHA shows

Course Levels:



Level 1 will be introductory: being able to walk and lead a horse and complete groundwork proficiently. Participants will have good knowledge of tack used and of horse husbandry

Level 2 will involve more detail about the horse and developing a relationship, including how to use your aids (body movements legs and hands) and the ability to work a horse in all three gaits in basic patterns



Level 3 is more advanced again with an emphasis on putting more information into the participants tool box as they work and train their horse to more advanced maneuvers

Level 4 is Advanced Horsemanship, meaning the participant can become an instructor in western or mainstream riding

