



The Participation Outreach Program 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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# IRISH QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

## P.O.E.P

### Participation Outreach Educational Program



The Participant Outreach Educational Program aims to increase participation with horses with an emphasis on Western Inspired Horsemanship and Equitation.

The welfare of the horse is a core value.



To achieve our objectives we aim to host clinics throughout the island of Ireland.

Clinics will be accessible to everyone. Participants will not need a horse and will not be required to have previous experience to participate.

## Program Objectives:

- ✓ Increase membership and change the perception around Western riding
- ✓ Improve awareness and safety around horses
- ✓ Improve awareness and welfare in training and daily habits
- ✓ Bring purpose to training
- ✓ Make horses fun for everyone from beginners to advanced participants
- ✓ Encourage family participation
- ✓ Teach the importance of leadership
- ✓ Opportunities to create new friendships
- ✓ Continuous education for both members and instructors
- ✓ Host National Championship shows for all levels

## OUTREACH

We will host Clinics throughout Ireland to increase interest and participation.

## EDUCATION

Instructors and members will have continuous opportunities to train and uplevel their knowledge and skills.

## ANTI - DISCRIMINATION

We aim to maximize attendance by welcoming everyone, irrespective of gender, age, ability, colour, background or religion.

## FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

Horses give us an amazing opportunity to create new friends and connections through a shared interest. We want to give our members - youths and adults - the chance to be social and make new friends for life.