

# *JRI*

# *Associates*

## *A Learning Community*



*JRI Associates are a learning community of people committed to integrating their Christian faith with a practical concern for the environment, and working this out in their roles in homes, church, work and society.*

*JRI Associates undergo a process of accreditation, which may include some formal study. Within the learning community they share and develop their study and skills, and work in partnership with JRI staff and directors to promote a Christian approach to the environment.*

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**The John Ray Initiative**

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## **HOW WE SEE ASSOCIATES DEVELOPING ...**

### **Networking – globally**

Associates will have access to a new section of the JRI website where they will be able to share ideas and ask questions via message boards. This will facilitate collaboration in both study and application. We would like this to develop an international dimension.

### **Partnership**

Some associates may be able to become practically involved in the work of JRI or to act as advisors in relevant areas. Occasional events centred on the Associates will supplement our seminars, conferences and workshops.

### **JRI Membership**

Associates are invited to become members of JRI (with a vote at the AGM) and help shape the future of the organisation. Those who can are asked to support JRI's work with an annual donation of at least £25.

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### **Becoming an Associate**

If you are interested in becoming an Associate, the first step is to complete this enquiry form. This will be considered by a review group, which may recommend that you follow a course of study or attend a study day.

The qualifications for becoming a JRI Associate are:

1. a commitment to further JRI's mission and aims;
2. assent to JRI's basis of faith;
3. recommendation from church attended, or other recommendation as appropriate;
4. some competence in environmental studies and theology. This may be shown by qualifications, publications, or participation in a JRI study day, or course, and an appropriate assignment.

Those with significant previous experience across a broad range of expertise may be invited to become an Associate on the basis of their past experience.

## **JRI Associates Enquiry Form**

*Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a JRI Associate. Please complete and return this form to JRI: The John Ray Initiative, PO Box 230, Tewkesbury, GL20 9FS or as an e-mail attachment to [admin@jri.org.uk](mailto:admin@jri.org.uk)*

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**Title, Name and Address**

**Postcode**

**Telephone**

**Email**

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**Describe your occupation**

**Qualifications with dates**

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### **Areas of expertise**

*(Circle as many as appropriate and give an explanation in the space below. Please use a separate sheet if necessary)*

Sciences

Agriculture

Practical Conservation

Industry

Law

Commerce

Education

Theology

Biblical Studies

Other areas (please specify ... )

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**Church Membership, and contact details of your Minister or Elder or other individual (with position) who is willing to provide a reference for you**

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**Please give a brief description of the area(s) that you would like to develop through joining the JRI learning community. Please add anything else you wish about your gifts, experience and aims. *(Please continue on to a separate sheet if necessary)***

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### **The JRI basis of faith**

1. I declare my belief in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and my faith in Jesus as Saviour, Lord and God
2. I acknowledge the Bible as the inspired word of God, the final authority in matters of faith and conduct, and Creation as the work of God, entrusted to humans to respect and care for.
3. I accept my obligation to be a careful steward of God's Creation, encouraging the responsible use of science and technology in pursuit of environmental protection and sustainable development.