

JACK WARD

NFST CHAIRMAN 2009

Jack Ward, age 50, is currently CEO of City & Guilds NPTC based at Stoneleigh.

City & Guilds NPTC is the largest provider of vocational qualifications to the land based sector. In addition to a broad range of conventional vocational qualifications, the company provides the specialist PA qualification for pesticide use in both agriculture and horticulture, and runs the NRoSO CPD scheme for sprayer operators. Jack is also part of the senior management team for the City & Guilds Group which is the largest provider of vocational qualifications in the UK and has an extensive overseas operation in 80 different countries.

Prior to joining City & Guilds NPTC as its CEO, Jack was Regional Director for the NFU in the East Midlands for nine years and before that he ran one of the NFU's Head office operations when it was based in London. Having worked for the NFU since leaving Seale Hayne, in 1982, Jack's claim to fame is that he has pretty much been at the forefront of every major agricultural crisis affecting the last generation.

Jack was awarded his Nuffield Farming Scholarship in 2004 and the title of his study was 'The influence and exercise of political power in the agricultural industry'. He presented to the 2005 Nuffield Conference in Belfast.

He joined the NFST Board in 2006 and has chaired the Nuffield Finance Cttee for the past two years. Jack is also a Director of the Oxford Farming Conference.

Jack explains that he has had four very beneficial relationships in his life - one with Mrs Ward, one with the NFU, one with the City & Guilds Group and one with NFST. And, they all have one thing in common; they all own portraits painted by members of the Ward family (Jack comes from a family of distinguished artists).

For those that didn't spot it - the Ward portrait belonging to the Nuffield Foundation hangs on the stairs at the Nuffield Headquarters in Bedford Square. Many of you will have walked past it on the way to your Nuffield interview!