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# Future grain leaders line up

Two WA grain industry players were among 15 participants selected from across Australia to attend an industry leadership program.

Lake Grace farmer Royce Taylor and Lauren West, of Grain Pool, also based in Lake Grace, joined other growers, traders and researchers at the inaugural Australian Future Grain Leaders Program, supported by the Grain Growers Association.

The program started last month and runs until May next year. Grain Growers Association chairman John Eastburn said the demand for well trained, effective leadership in the industry had "never been more critical".

The cornerstone of this program, which sets it apart from others, is that it supports leadership in action, with participants setting their own integrated industry leadership project to work towards, Mr Eastburn said.

Mr Taylor said each participant had to identify and develop a project and his would revolve around getting

more young people involved in their industry.

"My project is to work with existing State grain leaders to identify and implement strategies to motivate more young people to become involved in their industry," he said.

"I don't think that there are enough of the younger generation that care about the direction of their industry, and therefore I am trying to make people aware that you can make a difference if you become involved.

"I think we need to take a bit of control into our hands as we are the future, you can create your destiny.

"How I will achieve this will be very challenging, but you have to start somewhere and hopefully there are enough people who share some of the same feelings as me."

Ms West aims to help set up a regional grower group to lead key research into new technologies, improve sustainable agricultural practices and facilitate extension projects.



Royce Taylor of Lake Grace and Lauren West from Grain Pool are taking part in a grain industry leadership program.