



meet the... **NORTH EAST NEXT GENERATION GROUP**

Eleven younger farmers have joined this year's North East Next Generation Group. Together they cover all sectors and offer a wealth of experience to help guide the region's offering for up and coming members.

OLIVIA RICHARDSON

County: North Riding & Durham
Role: Team Leader
Sector: Arable, Beef, Pigs
Passion: Shooting, education
Experience: National Next Generation Forum for three years



JOHN CRADDOCK

County: North Riding & Durham
Sector: Tenanted livestock, arable & potatoes
Passion: Next gen involvement
Experience: Former chairman of Yorkshire FYFC



JACK KELCHER

County: Northumberland
Sector: Beef and arable
Passion: Growing his business and driving efficiencies
Achievement: NE Rural Awards Young Farmer of the Year



SOPHIE THORNTON

County: York East
Career: Research analyst with Promar International
Passion: Public engagement
Experience: NFU Student & Young Farmer Ambassador

EMMA SMITH

County: Northumberland
Sector: Livestock
Passion: Farming & countryside, farming in the school curriculum
Experience: Chartered Rural Surveyor & Agricultural valuer



MATT DONALD

County: North Riding & Durham
Sector: Pigs & poultry
Achievements: Young Pig farmer of the Year 2017
Experience: PIP & national poultry board member



ALEX WARRINER

County: York East
Sector: Beef, sheep & pigs
Passion: Animal health & welfare, grassland management
Experience: Farmer events & knowledge exchange



JIM BEARY

County: West Riding
Sector: Tenanted livestock
Passion: Positive thinking and progressive farming
Experience: A member of the NFU national sheep group

THOMAS WILLIAMS

County: York East
Sector: Arable, potatoes, pigs
Passion: Growing his business and high-quality crops
Experience: NFU Cereals Development Programme



LOUISE HEWITT

County: West Riding
Sector: Arable
Passion: Everything about farming!
Achievement: Ag. resource management degree



EMILY FIELD

County: York East
Sector: Pigs, poultry & arable
Passion: Animal health & welfare
Achievement: Completed the Worshipful Company of Farmers Leadership Course

**For more information on getting involved
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