



Society announce formation of a National Youth Development Programme Committee

The Society Board has been carefully developing a combination of Youth initiatives since 2009. The aim of which has been to ensure a long term legacy is created that supports and retains enthusiastic and dedicated young people within the Society, as well as to attract new young breeders into the Society.

Whilst the Society, supported by its Club structure, has created many opportunities and attracted young breeders since the creation of the Society. The Board has supported national initiatives, and as such has relied on clubs to manage local initiatives, that have included stock judging at local shows etc.

The absence of any Society Youth programme has not to date been detrimental to the Breeds growth in popularity, which now has strength in depth across a wide age range contributing to rural communities across the UK.

However, the Society Board considers it essential that a formal YDP Committee is created, to support and develop the initiatives already available to membership and develop new ideas.

Helping to drive change and innovate on behalf of this important sector of the Membership.

The Society, over the last 2 years has created:

- *Three annual National Scholarship awards of a £1000 each. (£3000)*
- *Four Student Educational achievement awards for 2013 of £500 each. (£2000)*
- *Sponsorship package for two young breeders to attend the Biannual Sheep Breeders Round Table costing up to £500 each. (£1000)*

The new committee will be tasked with the responsibility to ensure that these initiatives evolve as well as create new ones that are affordable and sustainable for the Society at a National level. Managed by young members for the benefit of young members, the Committee will offer a direct and formal link to the Society Board and provide valuable support and advice.

Driving change and providing a forum for innovation

Committee - Terms of Reference

✓ To be an elected representative subcommittee to reflect the views of young Texel breeders from across the UK.

✓ To offer sound judgement and advice, providing recommendations to the Board.

✓ To assist in the promotion and participate in promoting the breed and the society to young breeders, by developing and managing the existing programme that includes:

- *The sponsoring of young members at Sheep Breeders Round Table.*
- *The Texel Society scholarship programme.*
- *The Texel Society educational awards.*

✓ To encourage young members participation in the promotion of the breed at specialist sheep events and National shows.

✓ To be a forum to encourage eligible young members to consider standing for election onto the Society main board.

Paid up Members that are 35 and under in 2013 will be provided with further details and nomination forms in September 2013, with the first committee meeting expected to take place in late 2013 or early 2014. Regional representation will consist of 5 committee members made up from Society regions (See Map page 17) meeting up to twice a year.

One member from areas - 1, 2 and 3

One member from areas - 4, 5 and 6

One member from areas - 7, 8 and 9

One member from areas - 10, 11 and 13

One member from area - 12



5 young breeders from across the UK were provided a great opportunity in 2012. Each were invited and financially supported to help promote Texel at the National Sheep event Malvern 2012. The young keen enthusiasts engaged with a cross section of pedigree and commercial breeders.