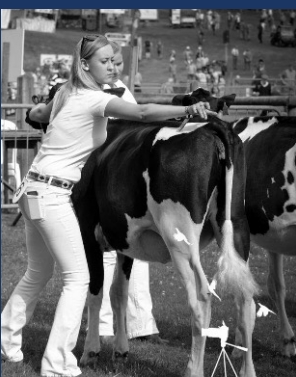




EUROPEAN YOUNG BREEDERS SCHOOL 2017

MEET THE TEAM



CHLOE BRAITHWAITE

22 | Shropshire HYB

From a young age, I have had a passion and strong interest within the dairy industry, with genetics being at the forefront of this. I am currently studying BSc (Hons) in Agri Business at Harper Adams University, which I feel can only help my career in developing an efficient and profitable dairy industry. Showing dairy cattle has been a huge part of my life since being involved in HYB events since the age of four. I am truly honoured to be part of the team participating in the European Young Breeders School 2017. I can't wait to develop my clipping skills in particular, and look forward to meeting and working with like-minded young breeders.



ELLIE FISHER

17 | Border & Lakeland HYB

I am delighted to be picked as part of the team this year. I have competed at many local and national shows under my family's prefix Mossrigg. I also have experience in preparing cattle through getting our own cows and calves show ready and taking part in Field-2-Foto competitions. My greatest strength is stock judging after taking part in many national competitions, not only in HYB but also for Young Farmers. I am looking forward to travelling to Belgium for EYBS to increase my knowledge and experience in the preparation and showing of cattle. I would mostly like to improve my clipping so that I can use these skills on my family's herd. I think it will be great to work as part of a team and learn many new skills and I look forward to representing the UK.



ELLIE WESTAWAY

17 | West Midlands HYB

I have competed at numerous Club and national calf shows since I was eight years old, along with HYB rallies, Field-2-Foto competitions and Young Farmers stock judging. I'm keen to experience as much as I can whilst I'm at EYBS, especially through living with a host family. From EYBS, I would like to improve my clipping and showmanship skills, learning from industry experts with huge amounts of experience, whilst competing against some of the best young breeders from Europe. I think it will be very interesting to see how similar or different the washing, bedding and feeding of the animals will be from home. I am really excited to learn more about judging breed specific classes. I am also interested in the theory courses such as marketing and photography to help me promote my own herd at home in the future.



IFAN WILSON

19 | South Wales HYB

I am from Cardigan, West Wales and I am a member of Penparc YFC. I come from a family with a long history of showing experience and have been showing cattle from a very young age. I enjoy working with dairy cows and would like to remain on my home farm to enable my family's name to remain strong in the show ring. In the future, I am hoping to go travelling to gain an insight into different dairy farming systems. I hope that my previous experience will give me a good footing for the challenge of EYBS. It is an honour to have been selected by Holstein UK to represent the society in Belgium. I am excited to learn from my fellow competitors and to meet different nationalities within the Holstein society.



JAMIE POTTOW

19 | South & Wiltshire HYB

Coming from a large dairy farm in the south of England, we have struggled with showing our own cows due to TB restrictions, which has meant that I have done the majority of my showing with other herds across the country. I have been showing for over ten years and started clipping five years ago, and have just taken it from there! I have now been part of the last six Field-2-Foto competitions for South & Wiltshire, competing in washing, clipping and photographing. Being able to go to Belgium for the EYBS is both an achievement for me and the Club. Hopefully by attending I will be able to expand my knowledge and experience in preparing cows for shows and events.



MARK WHITEHURST

21 | Staffordshire HYB

Having studied a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture, I am now involved with the day to day running of my family farm where we milk 110 pedigree Holsteins under the Folemillfarm prefix. I am passionate about pedigree Holsteins and have experienced success in stock judging competitions, with highlights being winning the senior stock judging at the 2015 and 2017 HYB Weekend Rallies. I am looking forward to strengthening my existing skills and meeting like-minded young people, as well as learning how to prepare and fit out cattle for showing. As I haven't had a lot of experience handling calves I am hoping to learn a great deal and develop skills which could come in extremely useful in the future.



NEIL SLOAN

21 | Scotland HYB

I have always had a strong interest in dairy cattle, from a young age on the family farm, through college and now in my job as herd manager at Muir Ayrshires and Holsteins. My proudest achievement to date in the show ring was winning my showmanship class at UK Dairy Expo 2016, then going on to be Reserve Champion Handler. I have previously worked at Madison where it was amazing to help with cows of such a high calibre and to watch and learn from some of the best cattle fitters in the world. I have been given this fantastic opportunity to compete at EYBS and hope to further my knowledge and skills in clipping and showmanship and put them to use back home. I am also looking forward to meeting people from different countries on this trip.