

Dear fellow Trustees,

Please consider my application for the position of Vice Chairman.

Nuffield has given so much to me since being awarded a scholarship in 2015. My association with Nuffield began long before then, and becoming a scholar was something I had aspired to since my late teens. Over the years, Nuffield has provided me with fulfilment through knowledge, travel, opportunity, personal development, and lifelong friendships. It has broadened my perspective, challenged my thinking, and helped shape both my personal and professional life. I now feel strongly that I want to give back to the organisation that has given so much to me.

Since completing my scholarship, I have remained actively involved within Nuffield and have sought to contribute wherever I could. I have mentored new scholars, chaired the Dairy Group, served as Vice Chair of the Northern Ireland group, and been part of the organising committee for the successful 2024 Belfast Conference. More recently, I have taken on the role of Trustee, which has given me an even greater appreciation of the importance of strong governance, leadership, and strategic direction within the organisation.

Through these roles, I have had the privilege of supporting scholars at different stages of their journey and encouraging greater participation within the wider network. One of the most rewarding aspects has been helping younger people gain confidence, build connections, and realise the opportunities that Nuffield can provide. I strongly believe in creating opportunities for others and ensuring that future scholars continue to benefit from the same encouragement and support that I received.

In Northern Ireland, we have worked hard in recent years to reinvigorate Nuffield and strengthen engagement within the region. Securing two scholars for 2026 was a positive reflection of that progress and demonstrates renewed enthusiasm and awareness locally. Hosting the 2024 Conference also provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the Northern Ireland region and strengthen relationships across the wider UK network. Alongside my appointment as Trustee, I believe this has helped address some of the disconnect that previously existed between the region and the mainland organisation.

If elected as Vice Chairman, I would work to build further on this progress by encouraging stronger engagement across all regions, supporting scholars and helping to ensure that Nuffield continues to remain relevant, progressive, and accessible to the next generation whilst maintaining a strong connection with the alumni.

What can I offer as a potential Vice Chairman

As a grassroots farmer, I bring practical, hands-on knowledge and experience of the agricultural industry, combined with governance and business skills gained across a range of organisations and businesses.

I am passionate about the agricultural industry, committed to supporting young people entering the sector, and dedicated to carrying out any role with integrity, discretion, and professionalism.

Alongside my involvement in agriculture and Nuffield, I am also a strong supporter of charitable work and have broad experience in fundraising activities.

I am a strong team player with good communication and engagement skills and I approach challenges with a positive “can-do” attitude, which I believe put me on a firm footing for a leadership role.

I believe these experiences have helped develop my ability to connect with people, work collaboratively, and contribute positively to organisations and communities.

In conclusion, I firmly feel that I have the passion, dedication and energy to fulfil the role of vice chairman.

Thankyou

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