



NSA Northern Ireland Region

Opportunity for individual(s) interesting in sheep farming policy, regional administration and/or event organisation

NSA Northern Ireland Region is one of nine regions with the National Sheep Association. The current Regional Development Officer is looking to retire before the end of the year and NSA is ideally looking for one individual to take on the role in its entirety, or to split the role between different people depending on their areas of interest and expertise. To apply for one, two or three elements of the role, please submit an application form, CV and covering letter by end of play on **Monday 23rd October 2023**. Please be clear about which elements of the role you are interested in. Preference will be given to candidates who express an interest to taking on all three elements of the role. If the role is split, please note that the Policy Coordinator would still be required to attend Regional Committee Meetings and other regional events.

NSA Northern Ireland Regional Policy Coordinator

NSA works hard to provide a voice for sheep farmers, particularly within forums responsible for farm support, the environment and animal health/welfare, but also all policy and technical topics affecting sustainable and profitable management of sheep flocks. This role is for an individual committed to working with NSA Head Office and the NSA Policy & Technical Committee to ensure NSA Northern Ireland Region is abreast of policy topics and involved in stakeholder meetings, consultant responses and industry forums, and communicating this work back to NSA members to raise the profile of the association in Northern Ireland. They will also integrate key policy topics into meetings, events and activities, ensuring consistency between areas of work. This role is a salaried position paid for by NSA Head Office. Hours will vary depending on meetings and deadlines, but will be an average of 1.5 days per week. Candidates must have knowledge of the Northern Ireland livestock sector and preferably an understanding of current policy developments in NI and contacts within the industry and DAERA.

NSA Northern Ireland Regional Manager

The Regional Manager has a list of duties for which they are responsible, but there is flexibility in how and when they do this. Therefore the role will suit someone who is organised, self-motivated and enthusiastic about the important functions of NSA Northern Ireland Region. The position is paid by NSA Northern Ireland Region in the form of an annual honorarium, delivered via the NSA Head Office monthly payroll system. The list of duties includes organising and communicating regional committee meetings, organising regional events to ensure an active profile in the regions (e.g. evening meetings and farm walks), ensuring the successful delivery of a biennial Next Generation Shepherds' Competition (usually as part of the NSA Sheep NI event), and working with NSA Head Office to ensure good communications, financial management and governance.



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National Sheep Association is an organisation which represents the views and interests of sheep producers throughout the UK.
NSA is funded by its membership of sheep farmers and its activities involve it in every aspect of the sheep industry.

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NSA Sheep NI Event Organiser

NSA Sheep Northern Ireland is a biennial event that provides an essential business-to-business event for sheep farmers, breed societies, commercial companies and ancillary services. It also raises essential funds to enable NSA Northern Ireland Region to carry out its work on behalf of NSA members and the NI sheep sector. While the event has historically been held in an auction mart, the decision to move to an on-farm event in July 2023 was hugely successful and would be positive to replicate on a different farm in 2025. The role of Event Organiser includes: coordinating an event organising sub-committee, volunteers and stewards; creating and running to an agreed budget; liaising with the host farm and overseeing all site management; selling sponsorship and trade stand packages; organising event attractions (e.g. seminars, competitions, demonstrations); and coordinating event press and promotion. This role could be combined with the Regional Manager position or be a stand alone job on a self-employed basis. NSA Head Office is willing and able to pick up some of the administration, management and/or communications, depending on the Event Organiser's experience and preferences, so while some prior experience is preferable, the role could suit someone 'learning on the job'.

If you have questions about NSA and/or the role:-

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To submit an application

Email applications to Joanne Briggs at the address above by end of play on **Monday 23rd October 2023**. Applications must include a covering letter, CV and the NSA application form.