



Inspiring the Next Generation of Sheep Farmers

On Friday 18th November 2016

**At Stratford Livestock Market by kind permission of Bletsoes
Campden Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8LP**

10am Registration / Tea and coffee

10.30am *Welcome:* Samuel Wharry, NSA Chairman and share farmer

10.50am *Guest speakers:* Different routes into the sheep sector

- Jacob Anthony, Bridgend, on taking more responsibility on the family farm
- Euan Cumming, Suffolk, on starting a new share farming agreement
- Hannah Jackson, Cumbria, on working as a self-employed shepherd
- Robert Spink, Norfolk, on managing multiple grazing agreements



11.50am *Work stations: Session 1**

12.30pm Lunch

1.10pm *Work stations: Session 2** [Five minutes change-over]

1.55pm *Work stations: Session 3** [Five minutes change-over with tea, coffee and cake]

2.40pm *Work stations: Session 4**

3.20pm *Closing comments and presentations*

3.40pm Finish and depart

** PTO for work station details. It is essential you attend the stations you've selected, in the order indicated on your name badge.*





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Which session?	What's the purpose?	Who's it led by?	Where will I find it?
Making the most of performance recording	With more flocks offering performance information on stock for sale, find out how to make it work for your flock – look for figures appropriate for your system and know the right questions to ask.	Steve West, Signet	Covered Outside Area 1
Practical sheep handling	Efficient use of mobile handling systems is a key skill. Pick up top tips on selecting lambs, checking ewes and administering vet meds from a sheep farmer handling large numbers on a regular basis.	Kevin Harrison, sheep farmer and NSA regional chairman	Covered Outside Area 2
Reporting and recording sheep movements	Movement recording/reporting can be the trickiest thing about keeping sheep. Get to know the legalities and how forthcoming changes to CPHs might help, particularly for people with several land parcels.	Ian Cairns, Farming Advice Service	Covered Outside Area 3
Keeping sheep healthy	Take a risk assessment for your sheep and find out how to protect them. What health threats might already be lurking what preventative measures can you take against diseases like footrot and abortion?	Phillipa Page, vet	Canteen
Getting your hands on land!	From short-term grazing lets to full FBTs, share farming agreements to contract farming, there are many routes into keeping sheep and lots of options new starters can take advantage of.	Chris Templar, Bletsoes	Auction Ring
What makes a successful livestock business?	Understanding the success factors of high performing businesses and how to compare performance, against yourself each year and other similar flocks, whether you're just starting out or running a large enterprise.	Mark Topliff, AHDB Beef & Lamb	Ashwin Suite

