

Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs:

Board Ready Training Survey Report

This summary outlines the key findings of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs board ready training survey, which was carried out in August 2022 as part of the Women in Agriculture Development Programme.

What did we do?

A survey was sent to Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs board members from 2019 to now, to find out their views on training that they would find helpful to prepare them for their board role. The survey received a total of 18 responses, which represents a small sample size.

What did we find out?



Board members are passionate about their role, as they want to give back to the organisation and continue its legacy. They also see it as an opportunity for personal development and networking



Survey respondents highlighted issues such as a lack of clarity about what their role on the board would involve, relevant experience and the difficulty of managing their board role alongside other commitments



Most current and previous board members felt confident when taking on their role. Training and mentoring helped respondents feel confident.



Of the training received, respondents rated it highly and felt it had a positive impact. Respondents mostly received support from Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs staff members.



Mentoring was mentioned as something that helped board members, and they would like more of it. They felt that leadership training and managing difficult conversations would also be helpful.