## The Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster (YFCU) members recently participated in the public speaking competition finals 2020 which for first time in the Association’s history was carried out in a virtual format using online platform Zoom over three nights.

The popular competition has been kindly sponsored for a number of years by NFU Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

The competition sought to find the best prepared public speakers among the YFCU members in Northern Ireland.

In the prepared section, competitors delivered a pre-prepared speech chosen from a specified list of topics. The topics included:

Our life in lockdown

If I could be anyone for a week

Does the media coverage promote agriculture sufficiently in today’s world?

Social media has changed us for the worst

What YFCU will look like in 90 years’ time

Money makes the world go round

Recycling should be mandatory

If I knew I couldn’t fail I would...

The world would be a better place if…

The most important lesson of my life so far

My dream holiday in 2021

Coronavirus - what living through history means to me

The judges listened intently to over 250 speeches, and these were assessed according to platform manner, voice production and on the content and marshalling of facts. The judges were thoroughly impressed by a range of varied and entertaining speeches, thus had a difficult task due to the high standard presented.

The YFCU would like to thank the sponsor NFU Mutual Insurance Society Limited, the chairs, 42 judges and trainers who helped throughout the competition and finally the YFCU members who took part.

Results

# 12-14

3rd – Isabella Gregg, Glarryford

2nd – Mya McCullough, Gleno Valley

1st – Jack Orr, Kilraughts

# 14-16

3rd – Lauren Taylor, Ballywalter

2nd – Victoria Currie, Kilraughts

1st – Stephanie Millar, Coleraine

# 16-18

3rd – Emma Mills, Randalstown

2nd – Emma Knox, Crumlin

1st – Adam Gaston, Glarryford

# 18-21

3rd – Lauren McNeill, Kilraughts

2nd – Alex Cleland, Spa

1st – James Currie, Kilraughts

# 21-25

3rd – Kathryn Speers, Ahoghill

2nd – Lynsay Hawkes, Seskinore

1st – Thomas McNeill, Kilraughts

# 25-30

3rd – Judith McKinley, Trillick & District

2nd – Shannen Vance, Trillick & District

1st – Gemma Dickey, Randalstown