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United Auctions boosts sales team in the north east.

United Auctions (UA) is strengthening its sales team at the Huntly auction mart with the addition of two new members of staff.

New recruit, Murray Rainnie (22) joins Scotland's leading livestock auctioneers today (6 April 2009) to train in-house through distance learning as a livestock auctioneer.

Born and bred in Royal Deeside, Murray is from a farming family and has strong links with his local Young Farmers' Club, Mid-Deeside, serving as Vice-Chairman. He also gained four years' experience with pedigree Charolais and Aberdeen Angus cattle as a junior stockman working for R&N Barclay, Banchory.

As a trainee, he will learn all aspects of the day-to-day running of the mart including livestock sales, marketing and stock valuation. He will also work towards a BA qualification in Livestock Auctioneering from the University of Central Lancashire.

Richard Close (26) will be promoted to assist with sheep sales at Huntly from 1 July. He joined UA's central operations eighteen months ago and worked out of Stirling and Perth auction marts selling mostly prime sheep and ewes. Richard has been past Chairman of his local Young Farmers' Club, West Renfrew.

Both will work under the management of Regional Managing Director, Donald Young, and Richard will work alongside Huntly's sheep auctioneer Peter Wood.

Richard and Murray's appointment adds to the recruitment of Ian Anderson, who was taken on as Head Yardsman in autumn last year. In addition to his yardsman duties, Ian is also involved in the canvassing of livestock.

Donald Young said: "With their different knowledge and experience of cattle and sheep, these two appointments bolster the dynamic team at Huntly.

"Richard has gone from strength to strength in the last year and is ready for the next step in his career and we are very impressed with Murray's potential.

"I am delighted with the combination of youth and experience in the team that I'm sure will benefit our customers in the north of Scotland - for the long term."

David Leggat, Executive Chairman of United Auctions, said: "The addition of these talented young men is a huge bonus for the north east of Scotland. We take the responsibility of developing and nurturing new and young talent very seriously to sustain the future of our business.

"Richard's promotion in particular reflects our plans for greater interaction of personnel and marketing stock between the Huntly auction mart and the Stirling Agricultural Centre, when it opens in July. The emphasis will be squarely placed on the 'united' part of United Auctions."

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