

# Careers and Employability Service

## Careers in Environmental Science

### Support and job search resources

#### Careers and Employability Service resources:

The Career Planning and Subject pages on our website provide good starting points for careers research. The Career Planning section introduces various activities, resources and support to help you make choices and the Degree-Related Careers tab, Environmental Sciences page, provides links to useful websites and downloads including companies and job roles which previous graduates have secured.

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/subject-info.page> .

A more **comprehensive list of employers** of UoS Environmental Science graduates is available to current students via the FEE Student Employability Blackboard site. <https://blackboard.soton.ac.uk>

Sign up for “**Excel Southampton Internship**”, & “**Year in Employment**” vacancies

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/experience/placements/>

Books available in the Careers Centre, (Student Services Centre, Building 37, Highfield), include:

- How to become an ecological consultant, S Searle, 2012
- Green Careers: You can make money & save the planet, Jennifer Power Scott, 2010
- Green Careers: Choosing work for a sustainable future, Jim Cassio et al, 2009
- Careers in renewable energy, G McNamee, 2008

Books available on the University Webcat system include:

- Green careers for dummies, C McClelland, 2010
- Green collar jobs: environmental careers for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, M Scott Deitch, 2010
- Climb the green ladder: make your company and career more sustainable, A Fetzer, 2010

#### Environmental career profiles

- [http://www.southampton.ac.uk/engineering/alumni/our\\_alumni/es/environmental\\_sciences.page](http://www.southampton.ac.uk/engineering/alumni/our_alumni/es/environmental_sciences.page)
- <http://www.cieem.net/job-profiles>
- IES ‘work2savetheworld’ [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd1niRfu4\\_4IfmS1RkR6UDg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd1niRfu4_4IfmS1RkR6UDg)

#### Student and Graduate Industry insights and job descriptions:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/environment-and-agriculture>

Jobs roles from Agricultural consultant to Water Quality Scientist

#### Other Environmental Information sources:

**Naturenet** – UK countryside and nature conservation [www.naturenet.net](http://www.naturenet.net)

A voluntary enterprise to provide a good online resource for practical nature conservation and countryside management. Most of the information available on Naturenet relates to the UK, particularly England.

Careers section and good links to land management organisations and organisations with volunteering opportunities

**Environment Agency** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

The leading public body for protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales. Includes section on working for the EA, volunteering opportunities, and jobs listing (separate site).

**Natural England** [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/natural-england)

Working to conserve, enhance and manage the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations, sponsored by Defra. Information about policies, planning and management initiatives plus a jobs section

**Scottish Natural Heritage** [www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk) and <http://www.snhjobs.co.uk/>

The role of SNH is to look after the natural heritage, help people to enjoy and value it, and encourage people to use it sustainably. Information about volunteering, studentships and jobs.

**Scottish Environment Protection Agency** [www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk)

Scotland's environmental regulator and adviser.

**Welsh Assembly** [www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside](http://www.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside)

In addition to agriculture, environmental protection, etc, Wales has a significant marine interest and developing marine industry. The Welsh Assembly also has a new initiative to help carbon reduction.

**Professional bodies** offer careers information and jobs boards, your degree accreditation may mean free or reduced student membership. Many of the resources are open access.

- **Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES)** <https://www.the-ies.org/careers>  
The IES has an 'Into work' scheme for graduates, offers Mentoring with professionals, internships in its London offices, lots of resources and information, plus a jobs board
- **CIWEM** - Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management  
<http://www.ciwemjobs.org/>  
The CIWEM jobs board covers Water and Environmental Engineering, Flood Risk Management, Water and Wastewater Management, Hydrology, Ecology and Conservation, Environmental Assessment and Management and Sustainability.
- **Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management** <http://www.cieem.net/>  
CIEEM represents and supports ecologists and environmental managers in the UK and abroad. Useful Students and Careers section, plus Jobs board. Also a Professional Directory which can be searched on location or key word – potential for **work experience** contacts.
- **Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment** [www.iema.net](http://www.iema.net)  
The Institute offers ongoing support to environmental professionals. Useful Jobs section
- **British Ecological Society** [www.britishecologicalsociety.org](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org)  
Source of careers advice, events, newsletter, journals and links to volunteering opportunities
- **Institute of Fisheries Management** <https://ifm.org.uk/>  
Events and training, information, annual internship in Electro-fishing

**Field Studies Council** [www.field-studies-council.org](http://www.field-studies-council.org)

The FSC has a national network of 17 education centres, international outreach training projects, research programmes, information and publication services and wide range of professional training and leisure courses. The FSC offers a 1 year placement and a 13 month Trainee Tutor scheme.

**Renewable UK** [www.renewableuk.com](http://www.renewableuk.com)

The trade and professional body for the UK wind and marine renewables industries, includes wind, wave and tidal.

**ENDS** [www.endsjobsearch.co.uk](http://www.endsjobsearch.co.uk) and <http://www.endsdirectory.com/>

Environmental recruitment specialists. The ENDS Directory provides access to listings of consultancies, their areas of expertise, contact details, etc, good for sourcing work experience.

**Edie – water – waste – energy** <http://www.edie.net/>

On line community for sustainability, designed to help professionals working in this area and includes a jobs listing and an e-newsletter as well as lots of resources and information.

## Job sites:

Please note there is a lot of overlap between jobs sites.

### Greenjobs network of jobs sites with facility to upload CV:

- Conservation Jobs ([www.conservationjobsuk.com](http://www.conservationjobsuk.com))
- Environmental Jobs ([www.environmentaljobsuk.com](http://www.environmentaljobsuk.com))
- Green Jobs ([www.greenjobs.co.uk](http://www.greenjobs.co.uk))  
All areas of the environmental and renewable energy market place
- Renewable Energy Jobs ([www.renewableenergyjobsuk.com](http://www.renewableenergyjobsuk.com))
- Solar Jobs ([www.solarjobsuk.com](http://www.solarjobsuk.com))
- Waste Jobs ([www.wastejobsuk.com](http://www.wastejobsuk.com))  
All areas of the waste and recycling industry sectors
- Water Jobs ([www.waterjobsuk.com](http://www.waterjobsuk.com))
- Wind Jobs ([www.windjobsuk.com](http://www.windjobsuk.com))

### Earthworks [www.earthworks-jobs.com](http://www.earthworks-jobs.com)

Ecology and environmental science jobs, covers an extensive range of job options

### Countryside Jobs [www.countryside-jobs.com](http://www.countryside-jobs.com)

Countryside, conservation and environmental science jobs

### Stopdodo <http://www.environmentjobs.com/>

Wide range of jobs in the environmental sector. UK – Abroad; Paid – Voluntary. Sign up for job alerts.

### Lantra <http://www.lantra.co.uk/jobs.aspx>

Land based and environmental industry jobs and training.

### The Guardian <http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/jobs/environment>

Weekly section for environmental jobs

### Recruitment specialists (focus may be on non-entry level jobs)

#### Acre [www.acre-resources.co.uk](http://www.acre-resources.co.uk)

Environment and Sustainability recruitment

#### Evergreen Resources specialists [www.evergreen.org.uk](http://www.evergreen.org.uk)

Environmental recruitment specialists

#### Allen & York <https://www.allen-york.com/disciplines/environment>

Built and Natural Environment specialists

### Volunteering

Need help getting your volunteering off the ground? Contact the Careers and Employability Service

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/work-experience/volunteering.page?>

or email [volunteering@soton.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@soton.ac.uk)

### Volunteering Opportunities (Local):

Hampshire County Council <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment>

Hampshire Conservation Volunteers <http://www.hcv.org.uk/>

Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust <http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/> (see also national organisation)

Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve [www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/titchfield](http://www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/titchfield)

Marwell Wildlife [www.marwell.org.uk](http://www.marwell.org.uk)

## **Volunteering Opportunities (UK):**

**Groundwork** [www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk)  
Conservation and Community projects by region

**The Conservation Volunteers** <http://www.tcv.org.uk/>

**Wildlife Trust** [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org)  
Volunteering and paid opportunities

**RSPB** [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

**National Trust** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
The National Trust works to preserve and protect the coastline, countryside and buildings of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Source of volunteering and job opportunities

**Woodland Trust** [www.woodland-trust.org.uk](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk)

**The Monkey Sanctuary** [www.monkeysanctuary.org](http://www.monkeysanctuary.org) (Dorset)

**Cetacean Research & Rescue Unit** [www.crru.org.uk](http://www.crru.org.uk) (summer research opportunities)

**Waterway Recovery Group** [www.wrg.org.uk](http://www.wrg.org.uk)  
Working holidays to restore derelict canals

**Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens** [www.farmgarden.org.uk](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk)  
Search facilities for local operations and possible volunteering opportunities.

## **Volunteering (UK & Abroad):**

**Frontier** [www.frontier.ac.uk](http://www.frontier.ac.uk)  
Conservation projects worldwide

**Coral Cay Conservation** <http://www.coralcay.org/>  
Marine conservation expeditions and volunteer diving projects

**Green Force** <http://www.greenforce.org/>  
Part of Gapforce. Worldwide volunteering opportunities in conservation, teaching and construction.

In the Careers Centre we have a range of books on gap year opportunities, the [www.yearoutgroup.org](http://www.yearoutgroup.org) site includes advice about how to evaluate the opportunities on offer and huge listing of options.

## **Social Media**

**Linked-In** can be a very useful tool for job search, company and alumni contacts. Careers and Employability work with Union Southampton to run LinkedIn labs. There is UoS ES group, Southampton Environmental Sciences Alumni & Students and occasionally jobs are posted here.

**Twitter.** Sign up for tweets on opportunities, jobs, events which could be helpful.

**Facebook.** Make sure your profile is locked down or appropriate for employers. Join ES related groups, eg UoS Jobs & Internships; UoS Wildlife Protection Society; UoS Environmental Sciences 2013; UoS Oceanography, UoS Biology, UoS Geography.

## **Individual careers support**

Drop-in and Guidance appointments  
<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/careers/students/talk-to-an-advisor.page?>