Careers Service

Environmental Careers

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What will we cover today

What sort of environmental careers are there?

Where to look for jobs – some useful websites

Other ways to find and apply for environmental roles

What jobs are available ?

Ecologist

Emergency planning/management officer

Energy manager

Environmental consultant

Environmental education officer

Environmental lawyer

Environmental manager

Geochemist

Geographical information systems officer

Geophysicist/field seismologist

Geoscientist

Hydrogeologist

Hydrographic surveyor

Hydrologist

Land/geomatics surveyor

Marine scientist

Meteorologist

Nature conservation officer

Project manager

Recycling officer

Sustainability consultant

Sustainable transport or town planner

Waste management officer

Water quality scientist

Which sectors?

Public sector

Voluntary and charity sector

Intergovernmental bodies and international organisations such as Environment Agency and Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

Pressure groups such as Friends of the Earth, Green Alliance, Greenpeace International and Rainforest Action Network

Private sector ranging from resource management such as water industry to environmental consultancies, eco-tourism and renewable energies companies

Examples of companies offering Graduate Schemes & Summer Placements

Arup

Atkins

BAE

Camden Council

Carbon Trust

Environment Agency

Heathrow

Mace

Marks & Spencer

Mott McDonald

Network rail

National Grid

PwC

Samsung

Thames Water

Woodland Trust

Starting your job search

ENDS jobsearch - Features latest industry news, It also carries environmental vacancies across a range of sectors and locations, plus careers advice for the sector.

Environmentjob - Searchable database for UK, Europe and worldwide based Jobs and volunteering opportunities in the Environmental and Conservation sector.

Earthworks-Jobs - Advertises worldwide jobs and employment opportunities in Energy, Geosciences, Oil, Mining, Geography, Environmental Sciences.

Green Jobs Online - A leading site for environmental and renewable energy jobs advertising graduate roles across all industry sectors. Searchable database by function, sector and location.

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Plus a few more .....

- **TCV** – Conservation volunteering positions and jobs.
- **Centre for Alternative Technology** – Volunteering positions.
- **Countryside Jobs Service**
- **Change Agents** – Produced by a partnership of StudentForce for Sustainability and The Institution of Environmental Sciences.
- **Environment Post** – Range of work experience and graduate-entry jobs.
- **Friends of the Earth** – occasional paid opportunities.
- **Forum for the Future** – Scholarship programme.
- **International Jobs** – Jobs with international environmental programmes.
- **ACRE –** Sustainability Recruitment Agency
- **CharityJob**
- **Green Roles**
- **New Scientist**
- **The Guardian; Jobs**

Finding the hidden job market

Keep up to date with environmental news and trends by following the professional bodies on twitter, this information might help you identify opportunities to network and tap into the hidden job market.

Keep your on line job search flexible as some employers might use different titles to describe the same job role.

If you are keen to focus on a specific sector within environment check out the specialist websites for these areas for current vacancies.

Most companies have a Twitter and/or Facebook account, register with them as this is often a place where new opportunities are posted, and where you can keep in touch with their current activities.

Try specialist websites

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Secure | https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs?job_level=1&last_filter=job_level&last_value=1

DO MORE

- Register as a job seeker
- Advertise with us
- Follow us on twitter

REFINE SEARCH

Clear all filters

Sector

- Carbon, Climate & Energy (6)
- Conservation & Wildlife (28)
- Ecology (11)
- Environmental Education (9)
- Environmental Policy & Campaigning (5)
- Food, Farming & Horticulture (4)
- Marine Conservation (4)
- Other (1)
- Sustainability (6)
- Sustainable Transport (7)
- Water & Hydrology (2)

Location

- Thailand (1)

Suffolk County Council

Rights of Way Officer
Suffolk County Council
£24,174 pa
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Posted 1 day ago

Do you want to help us increase levels of walking, cycling and riding in Suffolk, especially on routes away from our road network? Suffolk's rights of way present a tremendous opportunity, not just ...

rspb giving nature a home

Machinery Operator
RSPB
£19,602 - £21,236 pa
County Fermanagh
Posted 3 days ago

This is an exciting new role to assist with the delivery of large scale habitat management to benefit the recovery of breeding waders across the Lough Erne basin in Co. Fermanagh. The successful ...

National Marine Aquarium

Schools Outreach Officer (1x Cardiff and 1x Newcastle)
National Marine Aquarium
£18,500 - £21,500 pa
Cardiff and Newcastle
Posted 3 days ago

Calling all inspiring educators, scientists and marine lovers! Are you passionate about marine conservation and dedicated to helping the next generation connect with our oceans? The National Marine ...

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Pollinating the Peak Admin and Finance Officer
Bumblebee Conservation Trust
£18,000 pa (pro rata)
Chesterfield, Derbyshire
Posted 4 days ago

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT) is looking for a part-time (21 hours a week) Admin and Finance Officer to assist with the day-to-day management of the Pollinating the Peak project's ...

https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs/66053-machinery-operator

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Graduate geo-environmental consultant at WSP Environmen…
'15 Environmental Diagnosis an…
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Ben Smith ·2nd
Environmental Consultant at Amec Foster Wheeler Environm…
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Helen Woolston
Environment Coordinator at TfL
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Ben Beaton ·2nd
Senior Environmental Consultant at Amec Foster Wheeler Enviro…
'02
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Liz Philp ·2nd
Technical Director at AECOM INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONM…
'96 Geology/Earth Science, Gen…
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Sasha Leigh ·2nd
Head of Policy Partnerships at NERC: Natural Environment Re…
'03 Quaternary Science
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Environment Officer at Environment Agency
'10 Geography

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Environment Officer
Environment Agency
Jun 2016 – Present • 1 yr 5 mos

Sustainability Intern
England 2015
Aug 2015 – Nov 2015 • 4 mos
Twickenham, United Kingdom

Sustainability Intern for England2015, the organising committee putting on Rugby World Cup 2015. I am responsible for helping England2015 deliver a sustainable tournament through economic, environmental and social aspects whilst establishing a positive and lasting legacy for Rugby worldwide. Complying with ISO 20121.

Economic Development and Environmental Strategy Intern
Suffolk County Council
Jun 2014 – Sep 2014 • 4 mos
Ipswich, United Kingdom

I was responsible for organizing the 'Explore Green Suffolk' event with the Suffolk Green Buildings Network, mapping business support in Suffolk and working with both teams to explore potential areas of joint working.

I also organized the Suffolk County Council stands at the Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival 2014 and took part in the organizing and running of some Suffolk Carbon Charter events.

Environment Intern
Bunge Brasil

Studies A Levels at Bablake School. Examiner for OCR Economics

Shaeron Yapp • 2nd
Commercial Lawyer, Business and Human Rights Advisor

Shirley Liu • 3rd
Mechanical Engineer | Design thinking | Data Analytics| Product Development | Business Sustainbility Management

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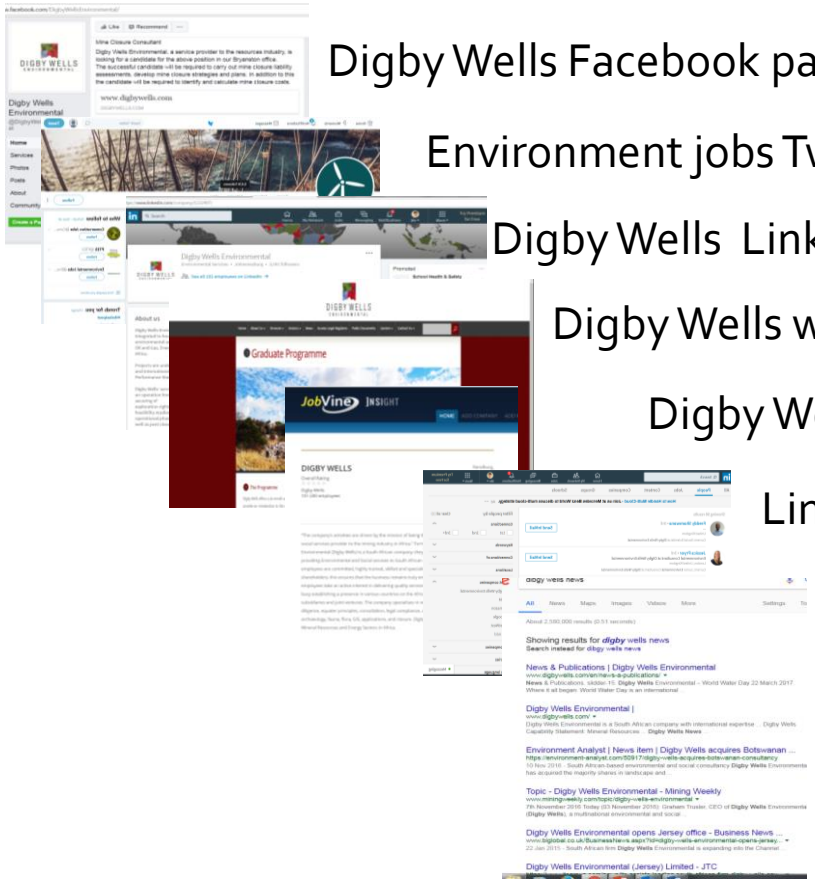

Digby Wells Facebook page

Environment jobs Twitter account

Digby Wells LinkedIn group

Digby Wells website – careers page

Digby Wells entry on review sites

LinkedIn alumni/employees

News articles Google

A How to guide to writing speculative applications

Always try and find a contact to write to

Stick to four paragraphs at the most – here are some guidelines for the paragraph content:

Paragraph One

- Explain why you are writing and that you are enclosing a CV.
- Explain your current position eg penultimate year, recent graduate and what you are looking for.
- Try and be specific about the opportunity but flexible about the length of time – as a day's work shadowing could expand into a summer's work experience if they like you.

"I am looking to gain experience in environmental policy and I am open to any opportunity from a day's shadowing to a summer placement".

Paragraph Two & Three

This is the "why them" paragraph.

- Explain clearly why you have singled out this organisation to write to.
- This is your chance to show you have done your research

"My motivation for applying is the positive way your organisation is working with local charities to put together new initiatives to improve the environmental impact of food waste in the local economy".

This is the "why me" paragraph

- Explain the relevant skills and experience you have which would benefit them.
- Don't just repeat information on your CV - expand on it

"As you can see from my CV I have actively been involved in the university's sustainability society where I was involved in a marketing campaign to reduce food wastage on campus. This campaign was rolled out over the first weeks of the new term and resulted in . ....."

Paragraph Four

- Suggest you will follow up your letter by telephone within, say, a week.
- Also give dates of your availability and your openness to being contacted
- "I am available throughout June and July. If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact me".
- Use the correct sign off

And finally … Follow up!

- To improve your chances of success, follow up your speculative application with a phone call a few days after you have sent it.
- Most people are very busy and the phone call will help them remember your application.
- You may get a few rebuffs but it is worth being persistent.

Summary

Do your research carefully & in depth

What are you interested in?

How can you demonstrate your interest?

Follow companies on social media

Use specialist websites and company websites

Network with Alumni

Don’t be afraid to make direct contact

Help with CVs , Covering Letters , Speculative Applications

EWD Building

Opening times

Term time- Monday to Friday: 10-6pm

Vacation time- Monday to Friday: 10-5:30pm

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@rhcareers

Appointments available Monday – Friday

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