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
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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

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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.
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

- Rights of Way Officer
  Suffolk County Council
  £24,174 pa
  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 ...

- Machinery Operator
  RSPB
  £19,602 - £21,236 pa
  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 ...

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

- Pollinating the Peak Admin and Finance Officer
  Bumblebee Conservation Trust
  £18,000 pa (pro rata)
  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 ...
Using LinkedIn

Mary Tsiropoulou · 2nd
Graduate geo-environmental consultant at WSP Environment... '15 Environmental Diagnosis an...

Kim Dowsett · 2nd
Climate Change Advisor at Environment Agency

Ben Smith · 2nd
Environmental Consultant at Amec Foster Wheeler Environment... '10 Environmental Diagnosis &...

Helen Woolston
Environment Coordinator at TFL '86

Connect

Ben Beaton · 2nd
Senior Environmental Consultant at Amec Foster Wheeler Environ... '02

Liz Philp · 2nd
Technical Director at AECOM INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT... '96 Geology/Earth Science, Gen...

Sasha Leigh · 2nd
Head of Policy Partnerships at NERC: Natural Environment Re... '03 Quaternary Science

Environment Officer at Environment Agency '10 Geography

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Using LinkedIn

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
Where to look

- 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”. 
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 . . . . .”
• 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.
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
www.royalholloway.ac.uk/careers
@rhcareers

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