Environmental careers

This handout contains information and resources relating to careers in the Environmental sector.

Like the majority of our sector handouts, the content is divided into three sections: Discover, Focus and Action.

**King's CareerConnect**
www.kcl.ac.uk/careerconnect
King's CareerConnect is our exclusive online career portal enabling students and recent alumni to engage with our services. Once logged in, you can access our vacancy board and search hundreds of part-time roles, placements, internships and graduate-level opportunities, book one-to-one careers or application guidance appointments, apply for exclusive King’s Internships and view our full events calendar to book attendance at our many events throughout the year.

**Discover**
This section contains resources that will give you an introduction and overview to the sector.

There are over 230,000 businesses and 1.2 million employees working in the environmental sector. The combination of growing investment, due to a desire to mitigate the effects of climate change, and the fact that over a quarter of the workforce are aged 55 or over means that there is a growing need for graduates and young people in the sector.

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**
www.gov.uk/defra
A Government department, with overall responsibility for policy decisions in a wide range of environmental areas.

**What we like:** Keeping up your awareness of the political mood surrounding the environmental sector is important, and this is a good resource for this.

**Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Careers (CIWEM)**
www.ciwm.org
The CIWEM website has information about different sectors, including the latest trends and forecasts. Also hosts a vacancy board.

**TargetCareers – Environmental Careers & How to Get Them**
www.targetcareers.co.uk/careers-advice/choosing-your-career/894159-environmental-careers-and-how-to-get-them
Learn about all the green employment options you can choose from. You can also search jobs through a vacancy board.

**National Careers Service – Environmental Sciences**
www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/environmental-sciences
Read about the skills you'll need to land a variety of different jobs in the environmental sector. You'll also find practical information about the different jobs, including information about salaries, entry requirements, and career progression.

**Focus**
Information for those of you starting to think that a career in the Environmental sector might be for you, and who want to explore it in more detail.

**ENDS Directory**
www.endsdirectory.com/
Online version of the print directory. Features over 1000 environmental consultancies.

**The Green Directory**
www.mygreendirectory.info/
Searchable directory of green organisations - manufacturers, consultants, campaigning, etc.

**Let’s Recycle**
www.letsrecycle.com/
Includes news, chatrooms, jobs listings, and a directory of companies in the recycling/waste management area.

**Naturenet - Countryside Management & Nature Conservation**
www.naturenet.net
Independent countryside and conservation website including blogs, FAQs, links and an extensive careers section that has job profiles, and a vacancies board, with volunteering and paid opportunities.

**Croplife International**
www.croplife.org
This federation works to promote the plant science industry. The site contains a number of articles and reports on the plant science industry, crop protection and pesticides.

**The Guild of Agricultural Journalists**
www.gaj.org.uk
Membership of this society is not restricted to journalists. The guild also supports reporters, broadcasters, photographers and media specialists working in agriculture, horticulture and rural industries.

**Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science**
www.cefas.defra.gov.uk/
Cefas is an executive agency of the UK’s Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. A world leader in marine science and technology, Cefas collects, manages, and interprets data on the aquatic environment, biodiversity, and fisheries.

**Environment Agency**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
The Environment Agency is a public body that aims to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

**Forestry Commission**
www.forestry.gov.uk
The Forestry Commission is a government department that delivers practical approaches to ensure that as individuals and as a community we utilise the forests and woodland and the benefits they offer.

**Action**
Resources which will allow you to take concrete steps towards achieving your career goals in the sector.
Elevator
https://elevatorcafe.com
Elevator is a jobs board that promotes vacancies with social enterprises, charities and purpose driven companies. Join the network to find an ethical job and promote yourself as a freelancer.

EnvironmentJobs.co.uk
www.environmentjobs.co.uk
Vacancy site in collaboration with Green Directory.

Evergreen Resources
www.evergreen.org.uk
Specialist recruitment agency dealing with environmental vacancies.

Trovit Jobs
www.jobs.trovit.co.uk/
Jobs listing site with a range of technical, scientific, engineering and environmental positions.

British Society of Soil Science (BSSS)
www.soils.org.uk
This society aims to promote the study of soil through research and education. Has sections about education, jobs, and careers. Within the education section there is a list of university courses which include soil science as part of the degree programme.

Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE)
www.iagre.org
The IAgrE is the professional body for the land-based sector; this includes all professions in the agricultural sector as well as allied industries such as forestry, horticulture and the environment. Includes a section about careers and jobs.

LANTRA
www.lantra.co.uk
Lantra is the Sector Skills Council for the environmental and land-based industries.

Chartered Institute of Horticulture
www.horticulture.org.uk
Get insight into what a career in horticulture actually looks like through the Institute’s ‘Grow Careers’ section.

Arbjobs.com
www.arbjobs.com
This is a job vacancy board which lists opportunities for arboriculturists, arborists and climbers in the UK and Ireland.

British Cartographic Society (BCS)
www.cartography.org.uk
The BCS promotes all aspects of cartography to a wide range of potential users. Information about maps and cartography, careers in cartography and current job vacancies.

Horticulture Week
www.hortweek.com
This website is aimed at keeping professionals working in horticulture up-to-date, informed and provides a platform for discussion. This site also contains a useful careers section (click on ‘Jobs’ and ‘Careers’).

Horticulture Jobs
www.horticulturejobs.co.uk
This is a horticulture job vacancy site which can be searched by job area, region, salary or job function.

GreenJobs
https://www.greenjobs.co.uk/
Browse jobs in the sector by industry sector, job category, location, and job type.

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