

Environmental Websites

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ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS

If you are interested in any of the following sectors you should find some useful websites in this handout to help with your research:

- Conservation
 - Environmental Campaigning
 - Renewable Energy
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Recycling
 - Ecology
 - Environmental Education
 - Organics
 - Sustainability
 - Climate Change
 - Urban regeneration
- www.environmentalcareers.org.uk includes a searchable international jobs-market database, an extensive range of sector summaries and job profiles, real life case studies, university information, undergraduate and postgraduate, course listings, and links to overseas conservation organisations and potential employers.

SOME LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- www.sustainabilitymentoringnw.co.uk is a career mentoring scheme open to all students and recent graduates in the Northwest who are interested in careers in the environmental sectors.
- www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk is an organisation set up to support and develop the growth of the environmental industry in the North West. They run regular free events, which are open to students to attend which are great networking opportunities. Click on “Find a Supplier” to get a list of local environmental companies – very useful for identifying North West based organisations to target for speculative applications
- Groundwork www.groundwork.org.uk
Supports sustainable communities. Careers advice and current vacancies. Groundwork Oldham & Rochdale run the “V Volunteering programme” specifically aimed at graduates looking for a career in the environmental industries.
- North West Regional Development Agency www.nwda.co.uk lists vacancies in NW office.

PRESSURE GROUPS AND CHARITIES

The following are likely to offer volunteering as well as paid opportunities.

- Natural England www.naturalengland.org.uk
Natural England has been formed by bringing together English Nature, the landscape, access and recreation elements of the Countryside Agency and the environmental land management functions of the Rural Development Service
Links + job vacancies
- English Heritage www.english-heritage.org.uk
Info about their work. Jobs and volunteering opportunities.
- Friends of the Earth www.foe.co.uk
Links and job vacancies.
- Worldwide Fund for Nature www.panda.org
Lots of links on a green web, but worldwide rather than U.K.
- British Trust for Conservation Volunteers www2.btcv.org.uk
Includes details of holidays and job opportunities – long term volunteer vacancies plus staff vacancies. Also details of practical skills training and links to all kinds of local groups.
- The Wildlife Trusts www.wildlifetrusts.org
Links to the various trust sites, includes volunteer and paid opportunities information
- RSPB www.rspb.org.uk
Information re activities, job vacancies and how to volunteer.
- Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust www.wwt.org.uk
UK only. Information about their work and how to get involved.
- The Game Conservancy www.gct.org.uk
Information on their work plus links to job vacancies, student placements and projects.
- The National Trust www.nationaltrust.org.uk
Info about its work, how to volunteer, and vacancies.
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- Wildlife and Countryside Link www.wcl.org.uk
Coalition of 34 organisations with links to member sites.

- Greenpeace www.greenpeace.org.uk
News and features on their activities.
- Naturenet www.naturenet.net
Countryside management and nature conservation site. Links to agencies and organisations including volunteering links.
- The Woodland Trust www.woodland-trust.org.uk
About its work, also volunteering opportunities.
- Scottish Natural Heritage www.snh.org.uk
Includes job vacancies.
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group www.fwag.org.uk
The UK's only independent and dedicated provider of environmental and conservation advice and consultancy to farmers and crofters. Information about careers available and their work.
- Plantlife www.plantlife.org.uk
Wild plant conservation charity works throughout UK and internationally. Lists vacancies and info about their work.
- The Soil Association www.soilassociation.org
Information about their work and how to get involved.
- The Energy Saving Trust www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
Provide impartial information and advice and have a network of advice centres in the UK. Info about their work

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES and LINKED ORGANISATIONS

- Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Lots of information about their work, current issues and job vacancies.
- The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs www.defra.gov.uk
Wide ranging responsibilities including environmental protection, waste and recycling, climate change, marine biodiversity, rural affairs, sustainable development, wildlife and countryside.
- Countryside Council for Wales www.ccw.gov.uk
Has job vacancies and links.
- The Forestry Commission www.forestry.gov.uk
General info. about its work, the industry, research etc.

- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency www.sepa.org.uk
What it does and vacancies.
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee www.jncc.gov.uk
About its work and links.
- The Carbon Trust www.carbontrust.co.uk
Independent company funded by government. Info about their work and vacancies.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT/URBAN REGENERATION ORGANISATIONS

- Sustainable Development Unit is situated within Defra
www.defra.gov.uk/sustainable/government
- English Partnerships is the national regeneration agency helping government to support sustainable growth. It is now part of the Homes and Communities Agency
www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/
Gives information about their work and their graduate training scheme.
- Regional Development Agencies
www.englandsrdas.com
Links through to regional sites and gives information about their work in sustainability etc. Also carries vacancies.
- British Urban Regeneration Agency
www.bura.org.uk
BURA is the leading membership organisation championing regeneration
- North West Regional Development Agency
www.nwda.co.uk lists vacancies in NW office.
- The Civic Trust Regeneration Unit promotes and delivers regeneration initiatives working in partnership with local government, business, industry and the voluntary sector.
www.civictrust.org.uk
- www.newstartmag.co.uk – aimed at professionals working in sustainable communities
- www.askwhatif.co.uk is a community website for people interested in careers that have a positive impact on other people's lives and the community they live in. Includes downloadable career profiles.

- The Community Development Foundation is a leading source of intelligence, guidance and delivery on community development in England and across the UK. www.cdf.org.uk
- www.greatplaces.org.uk/ - Great Places Housing Group works in regeneration and urban renewal in the North West.

SPECIALIST URBAN/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANCIES

- www.enterprise.plc.uk
- www.ecotec.com
- www.ghkint.com
- www.gfa.co.uk
- www.edaw.com
- www.pacec.co.uk
- www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Local government is a big employer of environmentalists. To get an overview of jobs available in local government look at www.lgcareers.com – which lists over 200 job descriptions.
- To link to any local government sites www.direct.gov.uk click on directories and then local councils. All areas will list their own vacancy info.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

- The Green Directory www.greendirectory.net
News, events and also jobs pages
- ADC Environment www.environmentpost.co.uk/
A recruitment service for environmental professionals. Also includes 'The Environment Post', a fortnightly magazine with job vacancies.
- Environmental Data Services www.ends.co.uk
Directory of environmental consultants, job vacancies. Registration and e-mail address required.
- Lists of organic retailers etc. www.aboutorganics.co.uk
- WRc International www.wrcplc.co.uk
Independent contract research organisation. Job vacancy page.

- Oakland www.oakland.co.uk
Consultancy site with academic, research and industry links.
- Greenpages www.eco-web.com
Database of over 7,000 suppliers and environmental organisations from 147 countries. Extensive U.K. list, with websites.
- Forestry Stewardship Council www.fsc-uk.org
Promotes responsible management of the world's forests - many useful links.
- AEAT Environment www.aeat.co.uk
Large UK environmental consultancy.
- Enviros – one of the UK's top environmental consultancies. Run a graduate scheme. www.enviros.com
- ADAS www.adas.co.uk
The UK's largest independent provider of environmental solutions, rural development services and policy advice. Runs a graduate scheme.
- James and James (science publishers) www.earthscan.co.uk
Searchable world directories of companies – U.K. renewable energy companies, environmental testing, monitoring and treatment companies etc.

WATER COMPANIES and FISHERIES

- OFWAT www.ofwat.gov.uk
About the work of the water regulator
- Water UK www.water.org.uk is the industry association that represents all UK water and wastewater service suppliers at national and European level. Use this site to find any regional water company.
- North West water company – United Utilities www.unitedutilities.com
- British Waterways www.britishwaterways.com
Comprehensive information on British waterways, the environment and a recruitment section.
- Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science www.cefas.co.uk
Fisheries research and consultancy centre.
- Aquatic Network www.aquanet.com
News and events in the aquatic world, also opportunities, including volunteering.
- Fisheries Research Services www.marlab.ac.uk

FRS provides expert scientific and technical advice to Government on marine and freshwater fisheries, aquaculture and the protection of the aquatic environment.

The following sites carry a range of environmental vacancies. The jobs vary, some being suitable for graduates, with others being more relevant for career progression.

RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

- www.allen-york.com
- www.anderselite.com
- www.edenrecruitment.co.uk
- www.ers.co.uk
- www.indexenvironmental.co.uk
- www.kellyscientific.com
- www.review.co.uk
- www.evergreen.org.uk
- www.eco-uk.com
- www.bbt.co.uk
- www.matchtech.com
- www.monarchrecruitment.co.uk
- www.acre-resources.co.uk

ENVIRONMENTAL VACANCY SITES

- www.environmentjobs.co.uk
- www.environmentjob.co.uk
- www.earthworks-jobs.com
- www.edie.net
- www.endsjobsearch.co.uk
- www.countrysidejobs.com
- www.growing-careers.com
- www.greenenvironmentaljobs.com
- www.greenenergyjobs.com
- www.greenengineeringjobs.com
- www.greenrenewable-jobs.com
- www.greenjobs.co.uk
- www.studentforce.org.uk/Graduates/GradVacList.asp

SITES FOR REGENERATION VACANCIES

- www.regen.net
- www.newstartmag.co.uk
- www.building4jobs.com/jobs

PUBLIC SECTOR/CHARITY VACANCY SITES

- www.lgjobs.com
- www.opportunities.co.uk
- www.jobsgopublic.com
- www.jobs.guardian.co.uk
- www.charityjob.co.uk

GENERAL

- New Scientist Magazine www.newscientist.com
Extensive searchable database of vacancies.
- Nature Journal www.nature.com
Featuring jobs, news and events.
- EDIE (Environmental Data Interactive Exchange) www.edie.net
Environmental news, jobs, recruitment agency links and links to other sites, including an environmental search engine.
- Natural Environment Research Council www.nerc.ac.uk includes information on awards, studentships, careers, job vacancies. Addresses of its research units with contact names.
- Organisation set up to promote self employment with a green theme.
www.enviroentrepreneur.co.uk
- Green business jobs - International Jobs in the environmental sector:
<http://www.kaufda.de/Umwelt-Jobs/jobs/Green-Jobs-international>

SOME INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Also look at the World Wide Volunteering Database – available on the computers in the Careers Room.

- **Frontier**
www.frontier.ac.uk
SEE (The Society for Environmental Exploration) has a myriad of global conservation projects under the banner name of Frontier.
- **International Exchange Program UK**
www.iepuk.com
Offers international rural placements for 18-30 year-olds with one year's practical experience. Placements are in agriculture, equine, horticulture, wine production,

aquaculture, forest and ecosystem management, landscaping, golf courses and wildlife.

- **Experience International**

www.expint.org

Provides six to 18 months' practical work experience placements in the land-based sector in the Pacific North West of the USA. Typical placements include forestry management, tree production, seed orchard management, dairy production and management, golf course and turf management, aquaculture, environmental, crop production, plant production and nursery management.

- **Student Conservation Association**

www.thesca.org

Internships are available from three months in all USA states. Conservation corps interns volunteer on various conservation projects located in national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests and state conservation areas.

- **AgriVenture**

www.agrventure.com

Run by the International Agricultural Exchange Association (IAEA), has opportunities in 12 different countries in agriculture and horticulture, usually from four months to over a year.

- **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)**

www.woof.org

An organisation dedicated to allowing people to volunteer and gain skills by working on organic farms throughout the world. Volunteers can work on long and short-term projects and generally get food and accommodation provided in return for volunteering.