Ethical and Green Careers

Making a decision about what you want to do and who you want to work for often involves thinking about your values and things that are important to you beyond salary and conditions. This information sheet aims to highlight a range of careers where ethical, sustainable and environmental issues are important; it is intended as a guide only and is not exhaustive. It is also worth bearing in mind that in fact any employer could be ethical and by researching an organisation’s initiatives, projects, goals and values, you might find that you really relate to them and feel you’d fit in there.

Ethical careers
A general overview on ethical careers, signposting sources to help research organisations who take Corporate Social Responsibility seriously and sources of potential jobs can be found at:

- [www.prospects.ac.uk/features_ethical_careers.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/features_ethical_careers.htm)
- [www.prospects.ac.uk/industries_charityOverview.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/industries_charityOverview.htm) an overview of work in the charity and development sector

Further information and vacancy sources include:

- [www.charityjob.co.uk](http://www.charityjob.co.uk) charity, fundraising, NGO and not for profit jobs
- [www.ethical-jobs.co.uk/uk](http://www.ethical-jobs.co.uk/uk) jobsite for ethical opportunities
- [www.goodmoves.org.uk](http://www.goodmoves.org.uk) charity and voluntary sector recruitment
- [www.bsr.org/en/careers](http://www.bsr.org/en/careers) USA-based site which advertises international vacancies
- [www.ethicalcareers.org](http://www.ethicalcareers.org) vacancies and advice
- [www.oneworldgroup.org/jobs](http://www.oneworldgroup.org/jobs) worldwide vacancies
- [www.changeagents.org.uk](http://www.changeagents.org.uk) environmental education charity that drives projects with young people, graduates, businesses and communities working and learning together for a sustainable future

Green industries Information and News

- [www.prospects.ac.uk/environment_agriculture_sector_overview.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/environment_agriculture_sector_overview.htm)
- [www.sustainablebusiness.com](http://www.sustainablebusiness.com) covering all sectors, this agency provides global news and networking services to help green business grow
- [www.forumforthefuture.org](http://www.forumforthefuture.org) education charity working globally with business and government to create a sustainable future. They also run a masters programme in Leadership for Sustainable Development with Middlesex University, which includes 6 months practical experience, comprising four different placements

Green opportunities

- [www.environmentjob.co.uk](http://www.environmentjob.co.uk)
- [www.greenjobsonline.co.uk](http://www.greenjobsonline.co.uk) vacancies within the environmental sector
- [www.environmentalcareers.org.uk](http://www.environmentalcareers.org.uk) environmental vacancies in the UK and abroad
- [www.iema.net/careers](http://www.iema.net/careers) Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
- [www.sgr.org.uk/projects/ethical-careers](http://www.sgr.org.uk/projects/ethical-careers) promotes opportunities in science, design and technology that contribute to peace, social justice, and environmental sustainability
Social Enterprises
A social enterprise is a business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners' (DTI, 2002).

www.socialenterprise.org.uk/ the national body for social enterprise
www.socialenterprise.org.uk/jobs jobs pages
http://jobs.thirdsector.co.uk charity jobs
www.clearlyso.com helps social entrepreneurs to raise capital and improve their core business skills as well as hosting a jobs-board

Develop your skills
Research local groups and organisations that you could get involved with, such as transition towns and recycling groups. In addition to developing skills, you could meet like-minded people and get advice from those in careers you aspire to. There may also be local branches of relevant national groups you can contact. Some examples to start with include:
The Green Business Partnership www.greenbusinesspartnership.org.uk formerly known as the Business Environment Partnership (BEP) offers an Environmental Placement Programme (EPP)
www.brightgreenplacements.org.uk, which places students within Scottish Businesses to undertake projects with an environmental focus
Centre for Alternative Technology  http://content.cat.org.uk/index.php/volunteers charity specialising in globally sustainable, whole and ecologically sound technologies, offers volunteer opportunities
Green futures www.forumforthefuture.org/jobs sustainable development charity with rolling internship programme for two people
Green Economics Institute www.greeneconomics.org.uk/key75.html Internal and external internship opportunities and jobs
People and Planet https://peopleandplanet.org/get-involved volunteer opportunities

Recruitment Agencies
http://acre-resources.com/ CSR, sustainability, climate change and environment related careers
www.allen-york.com environmental, energy and built environment careers
www.evergreen.org.uk recruitment for environmental jobs

Useful insights into employers’ cultures and values can be found at:
http://targetjobs.co.uk/employer-insights.