



Careers information sheet

Environmental and land based industries

Working in the land based and environmental sector involves looking after the countryside, forests, gardens and parks, and working with different types of plants and animals.

The main areas are:

- Environmental Conservation
- Land Management & Production
- Animal Health & Welfare
- Landscape & Horticulture

There are jobs at all levels, from professional through to skilled and semi-skilled jobs. Applicants need a real interest and enthusiasm for the environment and the right personal skills and qualities. Some of the jobs are seasonal and involve a great deal of outdoor work, in all temperatures and weather conditions.

(Source: Lantra/jobs4u/learndirect)

You can get your qualifications by taking vocational courses or studying while in employment as well as by the more traditional full time education route. The important thing is to choose a route that suits you.

Additional sources of information

The Sector Skills Council for Environmental and Land based industries is Lantra
<http://www.lantra.co.uk>

Ajobin.com has information for young people on jobs in the environmental and land-based sector.
[http:// www.ajobin.com](http://www.ajobin.com)

The equivalent site for adults is A future in...
<http://www.afuturein.com>

The Lantra CourseFinder at will help you find suitable training and courses.
<http://www.lantracoursefinder.co.uk>

The National Proficiency Tests Council offers qualifications for the land based industries.
<http://www.nptc.org.uk>

Landex is an Association of Further and Higher Education Colleges with specialist provision in land based and related subjects.

[http:// www.landex.org.uk](http://www.landex.org.uk)

Member Colleges in the South East are:

- Berkshire College of Agriculture
<http://www.bca.ac.uk>
- Chichester West Sussex (Brinsbury Campus)
<http://www.chichester.ac.uk/general/brinsbury.htm>
- Merrist Wood Surrey
<http://www.merristwood.ac.uk>
- Hadlow Kent
<http://www.hadlow.ac.uk>
- Plumpton (East Sussex)
<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk>
- Sparsholt College Hampshire
<http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk>

What else should I be doing?

There's a lot you can do to help your land based career:

- find part time or holiday jobs involving outdoor work
- take part in Aimhigher activities, such as summer schools and taster days
- keep up to date with issues affecting agriculture and the environment
- improve your teamwork and personal skills – especially communication and presentation
- develop your problem solving and thinking skills
- work on your IT skills
- join a local wildlife or conservation group
- visit agricultural and country shows
- try to keep fit - this is a physically demanding sector