



Environmental Impact Assessment Technical Manager

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I am the Environmental Impact Assessment Technical Manager for Sweco UK. Sweco is the largest European engineering consultancy in Europe and we plan and design the communities and cities of the future. The future may seem remote to others but it is very much present at Sweco, with our designing role, it is our job to be one step ahead. That is why sustainable design is at the heart of our business. I specialise in Air Quality and EIA project co-ordination and help to lead the EIA Team across the UK. I am also currently involved in setting up a carbon champion role.

Why I chose my job

To be able to do something every day, you have to enjoy it. Being an environmental consultant means that you have the opportunity to advise on the design of infrastructure, communities and buildings of the future. This is challenging but brilliant. I love that every day is different and would recommend it to anyone who has an interest in influencing how our country develops.

The day-to-day

A typical day will usually involve a combination of client interaction, conference calls/meetings, report writing, delegation, air quality modelling, EIA assessment or review.

Key skills

- Relevant degree (geography, environmental management, environment engineering, sustainability)
- Work experience in the environmental sector
- Experience of making a difference to your local environment

Qualifications

Typical entry requirements include:

- A-levels or equivalent in a Geography or Science-related discipline.
- Other routes include: Science foundation year/BTEC/Advanced Diploma/Access Courses etc. Science courses tend to give you a good base knowledge especially if you end up training in a specialism.

Salary & Progression

A typical entry-level graduate salary is £22,000 dependent on degree, masters and relevant work experience. Great opportunities as you progress.

Where to find out more

For a relevant professional body: <http://www.iema.net/>

For environmental placements: <http://www.indeed.co.uk/Environmental-Placement-Programme-jobs> (this is one example but if you search the internet for environmental placements a number of different placement programmes and companies who offer student internships should come up).