

Environment Manager

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My role is to manage a small Environment Team which works across Leicester City Council, to improve the council's environmental impact. The team is responsible for managing a council wide environmental management system and looking at carbon reduction across all the services the council delivers. We also have an environmental education co-ordinator in schools and work on energy reduction in new developments in the city. My role involves working with staff inside the council and also with key organisations in the city to address environmental improvement.

Why I chose my job

I chose my job because I wanted to use the environmental skills I had acquired in a positive way. I love the variety of work that I get involved with and the range of people I get to meet. I enjoy the challenges of new projects and being able to see projects being delivered and completed and making a real difference.

The day-to-day

My role involves meeting with people to discuss projects and future proposals and making sure that we are on target to meet our environmental commitments. The job is office based with time spent managing people and budgets and writing reports. It is very varied and never boring as we cover so many environmental issues as a local council.

Key skills

- Ability to communicate with a wide range of people, from key decision makers in government, to local community groups
- Up to date knowledge of environmental issues
- Self-motivated and able to motivate others
- Ability to think outside the box and be creative
- Excellent written communication skills

Qualifications

To be an Environment Manager as a minimum you will need an undergraduate degree, preferably in an Environment related subject. I have a BA degree in Geography and an MSc in Pollution and Environmental Control. Having a language, such as French, is also useful.

Salary & Progression

The industry average for this career is around £30,000 - £50,000 dependent on location and sector.

Where to find out more

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