

Next Steps @ TRGA

Your weekly Careers news!

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Next Steps @ TRGA is a weekly newsletter which aims to provide students at TRGA with useful careers information, advice and ideas for the future – stay tuned for more tips and information next week!

Career of the week

This week – Conservation



What jobs could I do?

- Ecologist
- Sustainability Expert
- Climate Scientist
- Forestry Education
- Countryside Ranger
- Zoologist
- Environmental Engineer
- Conservation Officer

What would I do?

Education and Awareness – Countryside Rangers, Recycling Officers, Nature Conservation Officers and Environmental Education Officers all work with the public to raise awareness about the environment and steps that can be taken to support conservation.

Engineering and Sustainability – Sustainability Consultants, Environmental Engineers and Water Quality Scientists work with governments and private companies to devise creative ways to limit impact on the environment, such as utilising renewable energy and hybrid vehicle tech.

Policy and Change – Environmental Managers, Climate Scientists, Zoologists and Ecologists all help influence government policy by researching the effects of issues like Deforestation and Climate Change and ensuring that private, public and voluntary sector organisations commit to global regulations to limit their impact on the environment.

What qualifications or skills do I need?

To work in the sector, the following pathways are available:

- GCSEs, A-Levels and BTECs in subjects like Biology, Geography and Media Studies can provide some of the skills and knowledge needed to work in this industry – as the sector is quite competitive, relevant work experience and a related degree in subjects like Ecology or Environmental Science are desirable.
- **Apprenticeships** are also available in areas like Environmental Conservation and Local Environmental Services at L2/L3 with organisations like Askham Bryan College or DART Training.

Key Skills for the industry:

- Communicating effectively
- Willingness to travel
- Passion for environment
- Project Management
- Organisation
- Excellent IT skills
- Presentation
- Good research skills

How much could I earn?

Salaries in the Conservation industry can vary depending on the role, particularly as some jobs are in the Charity sector but as an example, **Ecologists** can earn up to **£45,000** per year with experience, **Environmental Engineers** up to **£60,000** and **Environmental Managers** can earn as high as **£86,000!**

Where could I work?

- Local Councils
- The EA (Environment Agency)
- DEFRA
- National Trust
- Charities (e.g. Greenpeace)



Did you know?

David Attenborough's new documentary series, **Our Planet**, is currently out on **Netflix** and looks at how **Climate Change** is affecting the natural beauty of our planet – check it out!

I want to know more about...

Got a job or career area you'd like to find out more about that we haven't featured in the newsletter?

Let us know by coming and speaking to **Mr. Webb** in the **Careers Room** (Room 203)!

Monday Morning inspiration:

"Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."

Gloria Steinem

Need some support with your future plans?

Speak to your **Careers Adviser!**



You can find **Mr. Webb** in the **Careers Room** (203) on the 2nd floor at breaks or lunchtimes if you have any questions!

Email: careers@ruthgorse.leeds.sch.uk

Check out the link below for more info on **Conservation** careers:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-sector/environment-and-agriculture>

<https://www.scotland.lantra.co.uk/jobs-overview>

Keeping it local!



Stay up-to-date with some of the education, training and work opportunities in the Leeds City Region:



Careers-related news from TRGA and the local area!

Year 10 – Post-16 Group Guidance Sessions

As you approach your GCSE Mock Examinations, it is also time for you to start thinking about the pathway or pathways you might want to take after you finish school next year at the end of Year 11!

To support you with this decision making, **Mr. Webb** and **Miss Harris** will be running group guidance sessions to discuss all of your post-16 options with four students at a time between now and May half term, with one-to-one careers appointments with **Mr. Webb** to follow – stay tuned!

MOOC of the WEEK!

A **MOOC**, or Massive Open Online Course, is a type of online education programme that people of any age can access through the internet, often for free!

This week's **MOOC of the Week** looks at how environmental problems, such as Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Deforestation affect people in different ways, as well as how we can manage these issues – check it out!



<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/environmental-justice>



You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

Courses

There are lots of different qualifications and courses available at schools and colleges around the local area, from A-levels to vocational qualifications like BTECs!



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Apprenticeships

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

Apprenticeships involve training in an industry while working for an employer – this could be in anything from Animal Care to Law! As well as getting paid for the work they do, apprentices also complete a qualification with a college or training provider and can be a good option for students who don't want to stay in full-time education after 16!



The Apprenticeship
Guide



volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience in lots of different environments – you may need to be 16+ or 18+ for some of the opportunities available but because you are giving your time for free, you can do this type of work experience whenever you have the time to commit!

You can also visit some of these websites for more information...

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Getting a part-time job can help you to develop valuable work skills, like Communication, Problem Solving and Motivation and also help you earn money!

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