

#NotToday'sTheSame



Quick guide to careers in Scotland's land-based, aquaculture & environmental conservation sector



Agriculture...

... is the process of growing crops and raising livestock. It produces food, fibres and fuel, supporting jobs in nutrition, science, engineering and more

After leaving school at the end of 5th year, **Erica Taylor** did a Modern Apprenticeship with SRUC, whilst working on a farm.

"The best thing about working in agriculture is that you're working outside in the fresh air all day. My job is really varied, so there's no chance of getting bored."

"It can be challenging at times and you need to work hard, but it is extremely rewarding and you won't regret it. More and more farms are looking to take young people into the industry, so it's a great time to think about starting a career in agriculture."

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Aquaculture...

...involves the breeding, rearing and harvesting of fish, shellfish and aquatic plants. It is often called fish farming



After doing an degree in aquatic veterinary studies at the University of Stirling, **Harry Hamlin-Wright** joined a graduate training programme and is now his company's main vet.

"Some years ago, it looked much more likely that I would have a career as a small or farm animal vet, but I'm very glad I made the switch to aquaculture."

"I really enjoy the variety of work and am excited about the potential for further improvement."

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Animal Care...

...is anything and everything to do with caring for animals



Lauren Attwood studied Biology before deciding to become a Veterinary Nurse. She studied at SRUC and worked for 12 years before returning to part time lecturing.

"I have always loved caring for animals, medicine and science and found a job that combines all three. No two days are the same in veterinary practice."

"One minute you can be assisting with dental x-rays of a Chihuahua, the next bandaging the paw of a Great Dane. You never know what to expect each day working as a veterinary nurse and that's what makes it exciting."

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Environmental Conservation...

...is keeping the earth safe and healthy by taking care of our air, water, animal and plant life



Luke Taylor completed a Modern Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation with West Lothian Council Ranger Service and now works for Historic Environment Scotland.

"As part of a Ranger Service, we look after rural and urban wilderness across Scotland, from hillsides to seashores, to city centre green spaces."

"Being given increasing levels of responsibility as a ranger, leading educational visits has given me the chance to share my passion with the next generation. Being a Ranger is an unforgettable life experience. It's the best first job I could ever have asked for."

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Equine...

...is everything and anything to do with horses, ponies or donkeys



Jen Doherty completed a Modern Apprenticeship in Equine Studies and gained experience at a number of different yards before becoming a Yard Supervisor.

"My main responsibility is to make sure the yard runs smoothly every day. Everyone's here because we love horses and genuinely share the same passion, so it's a great atmosphere."

"With a Modern Apprenticeship you get to earn while you learn. The best thing about this job is I'm doing my hobby for a living so I absolutely love coming in each day. It can sometimes be hard work, but it's always rewarding."

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Fisheries Management...

...is protecting rivers and the life in them



Jamie Urquhart did a degree in Ecology at the University of Aberdeen and is now a biologist with the River Dee trust.

"There's no such thing as a typical working day for me. I can be on the river policing with the bailiff team, electrofishing to monitor juvenile fish numbers, or even working at one of our fish counters."

"The best part of the job for me is having that variety. Most of my working day is spent outside, enjoying the fresh air and seeing wildlife which folk often don't see. It's a great environment to work in."

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Game & Wildlife...

...is managing the countryside for game birds and animals



Charlie Blance studied Gamekeeping and Wildlife at Borders College, doing a placement on the Isle of Rum, before start work on an estate on Rannoch Moor.

"The role that gamekeeping has in conservation really appeals to me, as without the sustainable management of some species, others would suffer dramatically. Being able to protect the stunning environment we are lucky enough to have in Scotland is really why I chose this career."

"I've had a great start to what I hope will be a long career in this industry."

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Horticulture...

...is growing plants for gardens, public parks and greenspaces or for sale as well as designing and maintaining these spaces



Ross Yuile studied Horticulture at Glasgow Clyde College.

"I have always enjoyed being outside doing practical work and experiencing nature, so combining the two is fantastic."

"There is so much to learn in this industry. I'm still finding out new things every day, even after three years of study. Horticulture has really helped me come out of my shell and being able to do something that I really enjoy makes every day a good day."

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Land-based Engineering...

...is taking care of machinery used in farming, forestry and gardening

William Muir did a Modern Apprenticeship with SRUC and a farm engineering business and now works as a land-based engineer.

"One of the most rewarding things about my work now is being able to arrive at a job in my own van, prepared and equipped to carry out a successful repair and then producing a happy customer."

"There are lots of paths open to you in this industry, so I'd encourage people to try as many things as possible. The possibilities are endless and extremely rewarding professionally and personally."

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Trees & Timber...

...is growing and harvesting trees and managing forestry areas for wildlife and people



Jack Burton completed a Modern Apprenticeship with Rural Skills Scotland on an estate, and then joined Fife Council as a lead operative specialist arborist.

“There’s never a typical day. We could be in somebody’s back garden, in parks, removing trees, pole pruning, crown lifting, we do it all. It’s nice and varied.

“The best thing about my job is climbing to the top of a tree and seeing the view you get. It beats looking out of an office any day of the week. I love what I do and wouldn’t change it for the world”.

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