



Termly Alumni

Focus

Term 1

Did you go to Teesdale School and want to share your career profile? Please email me at Bethany.ward@teesdaleschool.co.uk

Here at Teesdale, we are interested in the role that our School has played in the lives of our alumni and each term we will publish a profile that explores qualifications, experiences and trace career paths.

Meet Sophie ...

Qualifications

A Levels:

Geology, Chemistry and History (AS Physics)

Undergraduate Studies:

BSc Geology (Hons) at University of St Andrews 2012-2016

Postgraduate Studies:

MSc Environmental Consultancy at Newcastle University 2016-2017



Career

I have been working within the Environmental Consultancy Sector since graduating in 2017, with my current role being a Senior Geoenvironmental Consultant for an Environmental, Engineering and Mining Consultancy (Wardell Armstrong LLP). I currently work within the Ground Engineering team specialising in Contaminated Land and Legacy Mining Issues. My role involves assessing environmental and engineering risks associated with contaminated land and legacy mining issues for developments. This involves gathering historical data for a site, undertaking intrusive site investigations, overseeing site works, environmental sampling and testing, analysing lab data, writing and implementing remediation strategies for contaminated sites and writing reports. My work ensures developments are adhering to planning conditions, regulations and industry best practice.

Job profile

Environmental Consultant

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/environmental-consultant>

Your role will involve providing expert advisory and assessment services to your clients with the aim of minimising or eliminating environmental damage.

Salary

Graduate starting salaries typically range from £22,000 to £25,000. Salaries for consultant grade positions, for those with an average of two to five years' experience, typically range from £22,000 to £35,000. As a senior consultant with five to ten years' experience, you could expect to earn up to £45,000, potentially rising up to around £60,000 in a Principal Consultant position and more as a Director.

Working hours

Your hours may include regular extra hours, but not shifts. Some consultancies may operate a flexitime or overtime system. Weekend working may be necessary at times for meeting client deadlines and when carrying out survey work that is dependent on good weather.

Qualifications

A good honours degree is the minimum entry qualification. The following degree subjects may increase your chances of employment in this sector: ecology or wildlife management, environmental and earth sciences, environmental engineering, environmental management, geology, geophysics, hydrogeology, sustainability and environmental management. In addition to a degree, applicants often have a relevant postgraduate qualification or work experience in the field they are interested in.

Resources

A career in contaminated land: Consultant - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eB2MBWfLQw>