



# Careers in the Environment

*Your guide to training, jobs and opportunities*

Liverpool & Merseyside | Level 1 to Level 3 | SEND-friendly options may be available



## Why Choose a Career in the Environment?

- Protect nature, wildlife and green spaces across Merseyside
- Green jobs are one of the fastest-growing areas in the UK
- Mix of outdoor practical work and science-based roles
- Make a real difference on climate change, recycling and conservation
- Routes for every level — from recycling operative to countryside ranger
- Work with charities, councils, water companies and wildlife trusts



## Skills and Personal Qualities

- Care for nature and the environment
- Practical outdoor skills in all weathers
- Teamwork on conservation projects
- Observation — spotting wildlife, problems and changes
- Reliability and safe working
- Communication for community and education roles



## Useful School Subjects

- Science — ecology, habitats, pollution and climate
- Geography — environments, weather and sustainability
- Maths — recording data and measurements
- English — reports and talking to the public
- DT — practical conservation and building skills



## Local Courses (Levels 1 to 3)

Courses are available at local colleges across Merseyside. Many courses accept students without GCSEs.

### Environmental & Land-Based Courses

- Myerscough College — Countryside, Conservation and Land-Based courses Level 1 to Level 3
- Greenbank College — supported environmental and horticulture routes
- City of Liverpool College — Science routes that lead to environmental careers

### SEND-Friendly & Supported Provision

- Supported study options may be available — speak to your careers adviser about what could work for you

## Apprenticeships and Training

- Countryside Worker Apprenticeship — Level 2
- Environmental Conservation routes with wildlife organisations
- Water Industry and Utilities apprenticeships — Level 2-3 (United Utilities)
- Countryside Ranger Apprenticeship — Level 4 (later route)
- Search live vacancies: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)
- Supported Internships (for students with an EHCP) are run by local colleges with their selected employer partners — ask your careers adviser whether this route could suit you

## Jobs, Volunteering and Work Experience

Environmental careers cover conservation, recycling, water, parks and countryside management.

| Role                             | Where You Work                   | Starting Qualification                    |
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| Recycling Operative              | Councils, waste companies        | No formal qualifications — training given |
| Conservation Assistant           | Wildlife trusts, National Trust  | Level 1-2 + volunteering                  |
| Countryside Worker               | Country parks, nature reserves   | Level 2 Apprenticeship                    |
| Environmental Technician         | Water companies, laboratories    | Level 3 Science                           |
| Parks & Green Space Worker       | Council parks teams              | Level 1-2                                 |
| Education & Visitor Assistant    | Nature reserves, visitor centres | Level 2 + people skills                   |
| Countryside Ranger (career goal) | Parks, reserves, estates         | Level 3-4 + experience                    |

**Typical starting salary: £17,000–£22,000. Rangers, technicians and supervisors can earn £24,000–£32,000+.**

### Work Experience & Volunteering

- Volunteer with Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Mersey Forest or park friends groups
- Beach cleans and conservation days run regularly across Merseyside
- Duke of Edinburgh volunteering can count towards environmental experience

## Next Steps and Contact Information

- Visit college open days and websites
- Search for local jobs: [www.indeed.co.uk](http://www.indeed.co.uk) | [www.notjustjobs.com](http://www.notjustjobs.com)
- Find apprenticeships: [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

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| <b>TAGS Careers</b>                 | <a href="http://www.tags.careers">www.tags.careers</a> — local careers information and resources  |
| <b>Colleges &amp; Organisations</b> | Myerscough: <a href="http://www.myerscough.ac.uk">www.myerscough.ac.uk</a>   Greenbank: <a href="http://www.greenbankcollege.org.uk">www.greenbankcollege.org.uk</a>   Wildlife Trust: <a href="http://www.lancswt.org.uk">www.lancswt.org.uk</a>   Mersey Forest: <a href="http://www.merseyforest.org.uk">www.merseyforest.org.uk</a> |
| <b>More Support</b>                 | Your careers adviser can provide additional guidance tailored to your needs   |
| <b>Apprenticeships</b>              | <a href="http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk">www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.indeed.co.uk">www.indeed.co.uk</a>   <a href="http://www.notjustjobs.com">www.notjustjobs.com</a>  |