



CAREER OF THE MONTH...

RECYCLING ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

AVERAGE SALARY £22,000-£35,000

If you are interested in sustainability and reducing the negative impact of waste on the environment, then being a 'Recycling Engagement Officer' could be the career for you. A Recycling Engagement Officer manages and promotes local waste management, recycling and sustainability initiatives, ensuring opportunities to reduce environmental impact are being utilised by the local community.

JOB DESCRIPTION

A typical day for a Recycling Engagement Officer might involve managing local recycling and collection services, from operations to managing contracts, budgets and funding applications. Working in the community, they will organise and promote local sustainability projects, providing information and advice to individuals and businesses around waste management and recycling. They will recruit and train volunteers for environmental sustainability projects and investigate complaints from the public. A great role for a natural communicator with leadership qualities.

QUALIFICATIONS

Employers require you to have a higher national diploma or degree that is accredited by the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM) in subjects like waste management or environmental sciences. Alternatively, you could complete an apprenticeship such as a level 6 environmental practitioner apprenticeship and a level 7 sustainability business specialist degree apprenticeship. A starting point could be a college course such as Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Sustainable Resource Management or looking for voluntary work via The Conservation Volunteers website or local recycling centre.

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