

Careers in sustainability

What is sustainability?

Sustainability is about creating businesses and communities which are prosperous, socially just and operate within environmental limits. It's about making a positive difference to the things that really matter to us all - from encouraging community food growing schemes to implementing shifts in business supply chains. When you apply for a placement in sustainability, you will need to demonstrate that you have an interest in and some knowledge of the subject.

Sustainability requires visionary leadership, negotiation skills and the ability to find solutions to complex, interlinked problems. These are high level skills - graduate skills - that you will have gained during your studies. It's up to you now to make sure you tell the recruiter what they want to hear, that's all the great bits about you!

Would sustainability suit me?

If you are the kind of person who is interested in the environment, communities and economic issues, how to improve them and ultimately improve people's quality of life, you are already a good candidate for a placement in sustainability.

Any degree can be relevant because sustainability covers such a broad range of activities. The beauty of a career in sustainability is that you won't be put in a box or expected to work in one profession or sector.

What kinds of jobs involve sustainability?

It's a diverse field, with opportunities in community work, built environment, low carbon business, climate change, energy, policy, research and development, waste, natural environment and wildlife, transport, agriculture, food, health, skills and much more. Variety is definitely guaranteed! Fancy a taste of sustainability?

The Sustainability Placement Service provides graduates with the chance to get work experience in sustainability at the same time as gaining those transferable skills that stand out on a CV.