

Sustainability Careers - Information Resources

As part of the UCL Careers Sustainability Fortnight, we have created this handout to provide a list of useful resources to help prepare you for the events and to continue your research into the sector.

Overview

Career opportunities in sustainability have risen over recent years due to increased societal awareness of environmental issues and changes in legislation. Candidates may be attracted to sustainability careers because of the values they hold or the skill set that they can offer.

Jobs in sustainability will range from having sustainability as the main focus to just a small aspect of the role or the wider organisational values. Sustainability jobs occur in every sector, including private companies, public bodies, educational establishments, research institutions, and charities.

Key starting points

Job profiles

Prospects profiles

The Prospects website includes a directory of job profiles. The profiles provide detailed information about a range of graduate level roles. Sustainability careers cross many sectors so search the A-Z directory of job profiles for relevant roles:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/browse-a-to-z>

Case studies

UCL Careers

UCL Careers has collected case studies from students and alumni who have experience of working in a diverse range of job roles.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/case-studies>

The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education (EAUC)

The EAUC provides case studies of people working within the further and higher education sector with jobs in sustainability as academic and support staff.

https://www.eauc.org.uk/meet_a_member

Icould

icould features videos of people in various careers, with information about their career paths and day to day work. Roles in sustainability can be found in a range of 'Subject' and 'Job type' categories on the website.

<https://icould.com/explore>

Professional organisations and other bodies

Many professional body websites will produce career guides aimed at student and graduate level jobseekers, providing an insider's view on how to start your career. They will also provide information for their members on areas such as events, news on current trends, and future developments for the sector.

Keeping up to date with sector news through sites like these is useful for building your commercial awareness which recruiters will be looking for evidence of when you start applying for jobs.

The listing below will highlight the major professional bodies for the sustainability sector and explain what sorts of information each one provides that might be useful to you when planning your sustainability career. They will also provide support with navigating these sites to find the student focussed content.

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/professional-association?query=sustainability>

Key vacancy sources and employer directories

My UCL Careers

Through 'myUCLCareers', thousands of organisations target UCL students and graduates by advertising a range of vacancy types including work experience / internships and full time graduate level roles.

Log in to your own myUCLCareers account now to search current vacancies. Filter the vacancies by 'occupational area' or use the 'quick search' option to search by key word.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/jobs/job-sites>

Through your myUCLCareers account you can also use the organisation search to identify recruiters by 'occupational area' who have a connection with UCL Careers and who offer roles within sustainability.

Employers may also promote recruitment / networking / skill development events both on and off campus. View forthcoming event listing on myUCLCareers.

www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/events-list

External job sites and directories

Many recruiters won't directly target UCL students through myUCLCareers so it's also worth expanding your search by looking through directories of employers within the sector or sector specific job sites to identify potential opportunities, (to research further or for speculative applications), or current opportunities:

Company directories:

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/directory?query=sustainability>

Websites with job listings/links to external job boards:

<https://ucl-careers-resources.targetconnect.net/search/tags/job-site?query=sustainability>

Extracurricular activities

Sustainable UCL

Sustainable UCL encourages UCL staff and students to work together to embed sustainability through our campus and culture. The Sustainable UCL website includes case studies of sustainability projects at UCL, information about careers in the sector, events and campaigns, volunteering opportunities and much more.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/sustainable/>

UCL Volunteering Service

Volunteering is a great way to give something back to society, whilst enhancing your CV with valuable work experience. The UCL Volunteering Service can help you to find the right opportunity, from regular volunteering to one off events.

<http://studentsunionucl.org/volunteering>

Innovation and Enterprise

UCL Innovation and Enterprise service helps students to develop entrepreneurial skills, get advice about a business idea and get a venture off the ground. The website includes case studies of previous start ups, some of which focus on sustainability.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise/students>

Students' Union UCL – Clubs and Societies

There are a large number of clubs / societies at UCL, a number of which are relevant to the sustainability sector. To find a club or society, search by category or browse the a-z listing.

<http://studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/directory>

Sustainability Careers Themed Week Resources

If you missed our annual Sustainability Careers Week or would like a reminder of what happened, the 'Resources' section of our website will provide a mix of lecture cast recordings, speaker profiles and event summaries which will include top tips from all those involved with the week

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/resources/themed-weeks-archive>.

Alumni Mentoring

Following the Themed Week, you might also want to explore the 'UCL Alumni Online Community' to identify UCL graduates who are now working in this sector and who are happy to provide support for UCL students.

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/careers/opportunities/jobs/alumni-mentoring>