

TOP TIPS TO FIND A GREEN APPRENTICESHIP

Where to look and how to spot great vacancies



It's an exciting time for individuals thinking about green apprenticeship roles. Many organisations are now focusing on the different ways they can have a positive impact on the environment through the products and services they offer, and in turn, linking this to the apprenticeship programmes that they offer.

What is a green apprenticeship?

All apprenticeship job roles have the potential to develop skills to help contribute to Net Zero. A green apprenticeship is where all, or part of the job role, includes tasks that contribute towards helping to achieve Net Zero. There are a wide variety of apprenticeships that support this ambition, ranging from environmental practitioners, to countryside rangers and smart home technicians.

What is Net Zero?

The government has set a target for the UK to reach 'Net Zero' carbon emissions by 2050. The aim of the Net Zero strategy is to balance the amount of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere and the amount of carbon dioxide being removed from it, creating an equilibrium - therefore there would be zero increase in net emissions - hence the name Net Zero.

Which green apprenticeships are available?

All apprenticeships are affected by sustainability, but in different ways and to different degrees.

The Institute for Apprenticeships has created three categories of apprenticeships to show the level of impact different roles have on reducing carbon emissions within the green economy.



Light Green: These apprenticeship roles have duties or tasks that could link to sustainability, but do not directly link to Net Zero.



Mid green: These apprenticeship roles play a part in achieving Net Zero, but this is not the main purpose of the full role.



Dark Green: These apprenticeship roles directly involve work that reduces carbon emissions and sustainability is embedded throughout these roles. For example, a wind turbine engineer.



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Which green apprenticeship job roles are there?

Here are some examples:



Smart Home Technician

Installing devices in homes to allow people to monitor how much energy they are using.



Countryside Ranger

Protecting wildlife and helping to conserve green spaces and natural habitats.



Environmental Practitioner

Providing employers with a high level of professional environmental advice and expertise.



Ecologist

Studying the relationship between living things and their environment.



Forest Operative

Managing trees, plants and the environment in forests and woodland.



Metal Recycling Operative

Identifying different metals, sorting and separating them into grades.

Which words and phrases should you look out for?

Vacancies may include words that indicate they will be linked to the 'green' economy, including:

- Atmosphere
- Agriculture
- Biodegradable
- Biodiversity
- Bioenergy
- Biofuel
- Carbon footprint
- Carbon neutral
- Climate
- Compostable
- Conservation
- Countryside
- Earth
- Eco-friendly
- Ecological
- Ecosystem
- Emissions
- Endangered
- Energy efficient
- Energy-saving
- Environment
- Fossil fuel
- Future
- Geographic
- Global warming
- Habitat
- Hydro
- Natural
- Nature
- Net Zero
- Nuclear
- Ocean
- Organic
- Planet
- Plastic-reduction
- Pollution
- Protection
- Recycle
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Renewable
- Resource-efficient
- Responsible
- Solar
- Solutions
- Sourced
- Sustainability
- Thermal
- Upcycle
- Water
- Zero waste



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How can you build your experience?

If you're applying for a green role, it could be a good idea to try and gain some experience to help you to stand out as part of the recruitment process. Some ideas include:

- Encourage your school / college to reduce their carbon emissions. Perhaps you could create an engaging assembly, or you could help in setting up an innovative recycling scheme to reduce your school's impact on climate change.
- Get involved in exciting environmental projects in your local community. This could include volunteering for a beach clean-up or helping to plant more trees in order to decarbonise the atmosphere. Volunteering is a great way to contribute towards Net Zero, as well as increase your experience. You can find some opportunities on the Wildlife Trusts' page, which shows you some volunteering opportunities that are close to you: www.wildlifetrusts.org

- Another useful website is www.environmentjob.co.uk where multiple green employers list their volunteering vacancies.
- You could further develop your knowledge by utilising information that is already available for you on the internet. For example, there are many Ted Talks which discuss the importance of slowing down the effects of climate change.
- You can stay up to date with current global environmental issues by following relevant pages on social media and regularly reading relevant articles in the news.

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Meet some apprentices working in a variety of different 'green' roles and hear how the work that they do is supporting sustainability, improving the environment and saving the planet.

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