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Biographies of IGES Graduates

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Fiona's preferred modules related to historical geography, rural and protected landscapes, surveying and planning, and she was delighted to discover a career which utilises all of them! She is now a Chartered Landscape Architect. In 2006 she established her own business: Living Landscapes Consultancy Ltd.

Fiona's work is at the large-scale end of the landscape architecture spectrum, assessing landscape character, understanding what makes a landscape special, and determining where- and how- any development can best take place to ensure that the special qualities of the landscape are retained. Essential to the job is the ability to read the landscape and to understand its physical and cultural development, so knowledge and skills gained on the Aberystwyth geography course are used on a daily basis.

Career highlights so far have included defining the boundaries of the proposed South Downs National Park, preparing the management plan for the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site, winning a Landscape Institute Award for the Cambridge Greenbelt Study (which will guide the development and growth of Cambridge for the next 25 years or so), going up in a helicopter to gather data for a landscape capacity study for fish-farming off Shetland, and (nearly as big an adrenaline buzz as the helicopter ride!) being a Professional Witness at Public Inquiries.

