

BioGs

Biographies of IGES Graduates

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After graduating from Aberystwyth University, I took a gap year and travelled to Malaysia, Malaysian Borneo, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Over this time I reinforced my passion for environmental interests, visiting some of the worlds most beautiful and yet vulnerable ecosystems. On returning to Britain, I applied for Environmental Consultancy jobs and posted my CV on some online job sites. This proved worthwhile, as numerous companies invited me for interviews thanks to the skills I had learned during my Geography degree.

I eventually took a job with Cleanaway UK Ltd, a large waste management consultancy that employs more than 8,000 people, operating a nationwide network of waste service depots, high-temperature hazardous waste incinerators and four landfill sites. I was employed by the technical centre based in Eastwood, Essex, which operates a UKAS accredited laboratory and employs a small work force employed to monitor and remediate Cleanaway sites around the UK. Working as the soil controller, my duties were to overhaul the soil acceptance protocol for accepting waste soils into landfill sites to comply with new hazardous waste regulations and conduct contaminated land site investigations. In this time, I reinforced skills and knowledge gained during my degree, becoming proficient in using environmental risk assessment software such as CLEA and ConSim, which help assess human and environmental impacts of exposure from contamination sites.

I recently moved to Golder environmental services. My first project at the company will be working at Bradwell Nuclear Power Station, helping with the decommissioning and demolition of the buildings, ensuring the waste will be put in the correct waste streams.

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