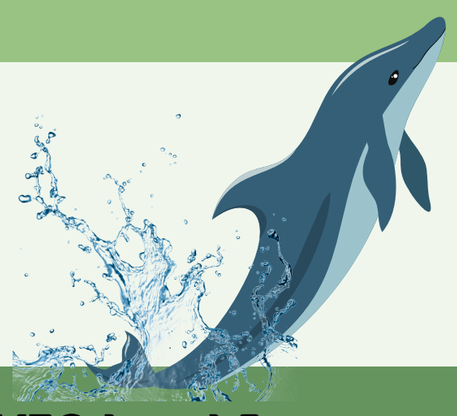
Grow <u>your</u> own way into a Green Job for Nature

Getting Started: NVQ Level 3

- Junior Certificate
- Level 3 Certificate

NFQ Level 4

- Leaving Certificate: Ordinary Level
- Level 4 Certificate



NFQ Level 5

- Leaving Certificate: Higher Level
- Post-Leaving Certificate (i.e. Applied Ecology)
- Level 5 Certificate (i.e. Ecology & Practical Fieldwork)

Employment

NFQ Level 6/Further Education

<u>Level 6: Advanced Certificate (1 year) or Higher Certificate (2 years)</u>
Can be taken part-time over a longer period.

<u>Foundation Degrees</u>
For international students who aim to progress to university.

<u>Apprenticeship</u>
Combine on the job learning with teaching and study. The apprenticeship in Arboriculture is currently (2024) the closest fit to ecology.

NFQ Levels 7, 8 & 9/Higher Education

<u>University Degrees (BSc/BA)</u>
In ecology and environmental disciplines, take 3 to 4 years (full-time) to complete. Part time options are also available.

<u>Higher Diploma</u>
Takes 1 year to complete, subjects include Environmental Science.

<u>Master's Degrees (MSc/MA/MRes)</u>
Take around 1 year to complete (full time), part-time options are also available.

Gaining work experience can help towards gaining a green job for nature, organisations such as BirdWatch Ireland offer opportunities helping you to gain new skills and deepening your understanding of the range of careers available. There may even be region specific opportunities, for example Cork Nature Network.

Virtual learning can provide a good introduction to the knowledge that these roles need, Future Learn is one example of an online provider, search on these sites under "ecology" and/or "environment".

To see the range of roles available in Ireland, check out job websites for current opportunities. Green Careers Ireland is a good place to start!

For more Green Jobs for Nature careers information, please visit: https://greenjobsfornature.org/