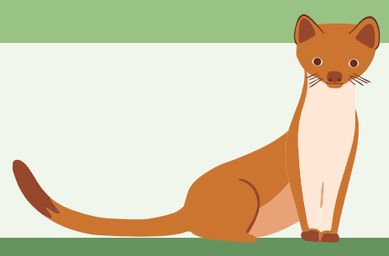
Grow <u>your</u> own way into a Green Job for Nature

Getting Started: Level 1

- GCSE Grades D-G (3-1)
- Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation
- Technical Courses
- Internships/Traineeships

Level 2

- GCSE Grades A*-C (9-4)
- Welsh Baccalaureate National
- Technical Courses (i.e. Level 2 Countryside & Environment)
- Apprenticeship (i.e. Environmental Conservation)



Level 3

Technical Courses:
Can be taken at land-based colleges & universities.
Typically taken over 1 or 2 years at Level 3.
i.e. Level 3 in Countryside Management
Apprenticeship:
In Environmental Conservation

A Levels:
Useful subjects for Green Jobs for Nature include

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

- English
- Maths
- Science (Biology)
- Geography
- Welsh, in Wales

Employment

Level 4 & 5/Further Education

<u>Higher Apprenticeships</u>
Combine on the job learning with teaching and study. A Level 4 Apprenticeship takes around 2 years to complete.

<u>Higher National Certificates (HNC - 1 year) or Diplomas (HND - 2 years)</u> Can be taken part-time over a longer period.

<u>Foundation Degrees (FdSc/FdA)</u> Similar to HNC/HND, can lead to Batchelors Degree.

Level 6+/Higher Education

<u>Degree Apprenticeships</u>
Combines on the job learning with teaching and study. At level 6 (& above) these take between 3 & 5 years.

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

Traineeships hosted by organisations such as the Wildlife Trusts and Dŵr Cymru offer work experience and support to complete a qualification portfolio, sometimes with a bursary. These opportunities can be found on job vacancy websites such as the Countryside Jobs Service and Careers Wales. Also consider placements and apprenticeships, short courses, and free opportunities for young people, for example those run by Natural Resources Wales, Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, and the Open University.

Remember to consider both A Levels and Technical qualifications, as both routes offer the same UCAS points and can lead to exciting opportunities in ecology and the environment.

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