

CAREERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Environmentally and Socially Responsive Opportunities

“Today, more and more people want their work to be meaningful and to contribute to the betterment of the planet. They want a career that makes use of their skills without compromising their integrity, and they want their work to reflect their own passion and commitment. The good news is that, as business and society increasingly emphasize social and environmental responsibility, opportunities for career seekers with a conscience have never been better.”

Melissa Everett – from ‘Making a living while making a difference’

Below, under each section there are lists of New Zealand and/or international organisations and associations that are working to promote an environmentally and/or socially responsible, sustainable world in their specific area.

Step One – read and learn about the work being done by the various groups that interest you the most.....

Step Two – get inspired to:

- ask questions and network with people who are involved
- volunteer in an organisation
- seek part or full time work in an organisation
- become a member of an organisation
- start a course of study that will qualify you to work in a specific area in the future.....
- come and discuss your ideas and questions with a career advisor

Agriculture, Horticulture & Forestry

www.biodynamic.org.nz – promoting the Biodynamic approach to agriculture, horticulture, forestry and animal husbandry

www.fsc.org – Forest Stewardship Council is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world’s forests.

www.maf.govt.nz/sustainable-forestry/ - Sustainable Forestry section of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

www.oanz.org.nz – Organics Aotearoa New Zealand – Organisation for the New Zealand organics sector

www.organicnz.org – The Soil and Health Association supports organic food and farming in New Zealand

www.permaculture.org.nz - helps people interested in and practicing permaculture within Aotearoa to keep in touch and share information

www.tropicalforesttrust.com – the Tropical Forest Trust is a non-profit international organisation seeking to address the problem of deforestation by working with companies and communities and help them trade Forest Responsible Products

www.wwoof.co.nz – Willing Workers on Organic Farms is part of a world wide community that promotes awareness of ecological farming practices by providing volunteers with the opportunity to live and learn on organic properties.

Animal Welfare

www.safe.org.nz – Save Animals from Exploitation - exposes animal abuse within New Zealand and around the globe

www.spca.org.nz – Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

www.wspa.org.au – World Society for the Protection of Animals

www.zsl.org - The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) is a charity devoted to the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats

Building & Construction

www.earthbuilding.org.nz – promoting the art and science of earth building

www.healthybuilding.net – transforming the market for building materials to advance the best environmental, health and social practices.

www.level.org.nz – The authority on sustainable building

www.nzgbc.org.nz – The New Zealand Green Building Council is an industry organisation dedicated to accelerating the development and adoption of market-based green building practices

www.rebri.org.nz - Resource Efficiency in the Building and Related Industries - promotes, advocates, and assists resource efficiency measures in the building and related industries

Business & Economics

www.csri.org.nz – Council for Socially Responsible Investment

www.ethicalinvestment.org.nz – an association of organisations working to promote the benefits of investing ethically in Aotearoa New Zealand

www.fairtrade.net – Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International is a non-profit association that develops and reviews fair trade standards and supports producers

www.naturalstep.org.nz – The Natural Step is an organisation providing a strategic planning tool for sustainability which can be applied to businesses, non-profit organisations and community projects

www.nzbcscd.org.nz - New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development - providing business leadership as a catalyst for change toward sustainable development and to promote eco-efficiency, innovation and responsible entrepreneurship

www.nzcbesd.org.nz – New Zealand Centre for Business Ethics & Sustainable Development – encourages environmentally, socially and financially successful business practice through research and education about business ethics and sustainable development

www.sustainable.org.nz – Forum for New Zealand Businesses interested in developing sustainable business practices

Community Services & Volunteering

www.community.net.nz - an information sharing resource for NZ community and voluntary groups.

www.familyservices.govt.nz - Family and Community Services works with other government and non-government agencies, and communities to give families access to information and coordinated social services

www.globalvolunteernetwork.org – connecting people with communities in need through the placement of international volunteers: GVN is based in New Zealand

www.robins.org.nz – gets businesses and charities together to make a measurable social impact

www.volunteernow.org.nz – lists of volunteering opportunities within New Zealand

Conservation

www.conservationvolunteers.co.nz – New Zealand Trust for Conservation Volunteers is all about environmental sustainability, preservation, biodiversity and work projects

www.conservationvolunteers.org.nz – web based platform for environment groups and volunteers to increase environmental awareness, share information and encourage participation.

www.eco.org.nz – umbrella organisation for environment and conservation organisations in New Zealand

www.forestandbird.org.nz – protecting New Zealand's native plants, animals and wild places, on land and in our oceans

www.wwf.org.nz – Independent conservation organisation with a mission to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future where people live in harmony with nature

Creative Arts & Design

www.sustainabledesign.org.nz – forum of New Zealand design professionals dedicated to promoting the growth of sustainable design

www.thebigidea.org.nz - The Big Idea Te Aria Nui – where people find the tools, networks, opportunities and inspiration to grow their "big ideas" into viable careers, projects and businesses in the creative sector

Cultural Heritage

www.ethnicaffairs.govt.nz – celebrates New Zealand and its ethnic communities. Promotes diversity and capacity building of the ethnic sector

www.korero.maori.nz – for everyone who wants to speak the maori language or learn more about it

www.maori.org.nz – site for finding information about things Maori

www.maorilanguage.net – promoting the development of the maori language

www.survivalinternational.org - international organization supporting tribal peoples worldwide

Education

www.eerst.co.nz – The Environmental Education for Resource Sustainability Trust works with schools on behalf of local government to minimise waste to landfill and improve resource recovery systems.

www.enviroschools.org.nz – Charitable Trust that provides support and strategic direction for a nation-wide environmental education programme

www.nzaee.org.nz – New Zealand Association for Environmental Education promotes environmental education initiatives

www.sustainableliving.org.nz - practical education programme which promotes sustainable living to make a difference in the home

Energy

www.bioenergy.org.nz - The Bioenergy Association of New Zealand (BANZ) has been established to promote and coordinate the development of a bioenergy industry in New Zealand. Activities are focused around wood energy, biogas and liquid biofuels

www.eeca.govt.nz – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority promotes sustainable energy

www.rightlight.govt.nz – helping to make informed choices about lighting in home or business

www.solarindustries.org.nz – The NZ Solar Industries Association promotes and coordinates the development of the solar water heating industry in NZ

www.windenergy.org.nz – the NZ Wind Energy Association works towards the development of wind as a reliable, sustainable, clean and commercially viable energy source.

Employment

www.conjobs.co.nz - brings together all the job opportunities in the New Zealand conservation, park management, environment and ecotourism sectors

www.eeotrust.org.nz – Equal Employment Opportunities Trust – provides information and tools on EEO and raises awareness of diversity issues in the workplace

www.ethicalcareers.org – wide range of information about ethical careers in many sectors with a useful web directory

www.greencareercentral.com – guides people as they embark on a journey to identify, articulate, and land the green career that brings them opportunities to contribute their expertise to the essential issues of our time.

Engineering

www.nzsses.auckland.ac.nz – The New Zealand Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science. A technical interest group of the Institute of Professional Engineers of New Zealand.

www.ewb.org.nz – Engineers Without Borders New Zealand is an organisation of professional and student engineers who share a vision to confront global challenges of poverty, sustainable development and social inequity by undertaking projects that will directly improve the quality of life in communities within New Zealand and in the South Pacific region.

Government; Local & National

www.arc.govt.nz/environment - Auckland Regional Council's environmental protection, monitoring and conservation programmes

www.aucklandcity.govt.nz/auckland/environment/ - Auckland Council information about sustainability and the environment

www.climatechange.govt.nz – Information about New Zealand’s emissions, emissions trading, projected impacts, international negotiations and obligations and New Zealand’s overall approach to climate change.

www.doc.govt.nz - The Department of Conservation is the central government organisation charged with conserving the natural and historic heritage of New Zealand

www.eeca.govt.nz – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority promotes sustainable energy

www.localcouncils.govt.nz – information about all local councils in New Zealand

www.mfe.govt.nz – Ministry for the Environment working to achieve high environmental standards for New Zealand, while sustaining and enhancing social and economic development.

www.sustainability.govt.nz – learn how to reduce your impact on the environment and save money

Human Rights

www.amnesty.org.nz – Global independent movement of people contributing to the promotion of human rights and international campaigning against some of the most serious violations

www.ghf-geneva.org - The Global Humanitarian Forum is an independent and impartial international platform, engaging people from across the global society through awareness raising, debate and practical action to tackle key humanitarian concerns, starting with climate change.

www.hrc.co.nz – Human Rights Commission – works for a fair, safe and just society, where diversity is valued and human rights are respected.

www.oxfam.org.nz - Oxfam New Zealand is dedicated to finding lasting solutions to poverty and injustice

Information Technology & Telecommunications

www.greenit.net – Advisor in sustainable information and communications technology

www.the-ark.co.nz - works with New Zealand businesses to utilize the computers that have reached the end of the companies useful life and then refurbish them to provide cost effective computing resources for schools and learning institutes.

Legal/Advocacy/Mediation

www.aminz.org.nz – Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand: not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting high quality resolution services, referrals, information and education.

www.cab.org.nz – Citizens Advice Bureaux – independent community organisation providing information, advice, advocacy and support to individuals.

www.communitylaw.org.nz – Coalition of Community Law Centres Aotearoa Inc

Media & Communication

www.connectedmedia.org – New Zealand based Charitable Trust to promote sustainability through media

www.earthscan.co.uk – 20 years of publishing climate change, sustainable development and environmental technology

www.greeningthescreen.co.nz – environmental toolkit for screen production companies

www.greenplanetfm.com - Auckland's one-hour environmental / health and consciousness radio programme, dedicated to interviewing leading edge experts, practitioners in their field, and people who are living examples of sustainability.

www.happyzine.co.nz - a positive news website, weekly electronic magazine and blog with a strong Aotearoa flavour focusing on the solutions to today's challenges and upon joy, celebrating what's going well, and dreaming together about what's possible.

www.resurgence.org – the Resurgence Trust publishes resurgence magazine to promote ecological sustainability, social justice and spiritual values

Nutrition & Food

www.farmersmarkets.org.nz – to foster the ongoing development of farmers markets in New Zealand

www.fruitforourchildren.org.nz – charitable trust committed to planting fruit trees for New Zealand citizens

www.safefood.org.nz – Safe Food Campaign educates, campaigns and lobbies for safer food

www.slowfood.com - Slow Food is a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization to counteract fast food and fast life, the disappearance of local food traditions and people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, where it comes from, how it tastes and how our food choices affect the rest of the world

Oceans

www.blueocean.org – conservation organisation that translates scientific information into easier language so people can make better choices on behalf of the sea.

www.projectaware.org – Divers conserving underwater environments

www.projectkaisei.org - To study the North Pacific Gyre and the marine debris that has collected in this oceanic region, to determine how to capture the debris and to study the possible retrieval and processing techniques that could be potentially employed to detoxify and recycle these materials into diesel fuel.

www.sustainablecoastlines.org - provides ideas, coordination and support to communities to initiate, pursue and take ownership of local projects that will help improve their particular coastal environment.

Pollution

www.blacksmithinstitute.org – not-for-profit organisation committed to pollution remediation in developing countries

Research

www.landcareresearch.co.nz – Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research is New Zealand's foremost environmental research organisation specialising in sustainable management of land resources optimising primary production, enhancing biodiversity, increasing the resource efficiency of businesses, and conserving and restoring the natural assets of our communities.

www.sustainablefuture.info – the Sustainable Future Institute is an independent think tank specialising in research and policy analysis

Sales & Retail

www.consciousconsumer.org - Vision is for New Zealand to be a place where it's easy for people to live socially and environmentally responsible lifestyles.

www.greenlist.co.nz - directory of products and services with good sustainability qualities designed to highlight positive attributes by allowing comparisons against a set of six sustainability principles.

www.tradeaid.org.nz – NZ based importers, wholesalers, retailers of fair trade products

Spirituality, Wellbeing & Peace

www.interfaith.org.nz – developing the spirit of understanding and cooperation between all of the faiths in Aotearoa New Zealand

www.peace.net.nz - The Peace Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation actively involved in creating a more peaceful society

www.philosophy.school.nz – practical philosophy based on a wide range of philosophers, thinkers and writers

www.theartofliving.org.nz – stress elimination and self development

www.theosophy.org.nz - Theosophical Society in New Zealand's vision is to inspire and serve the spiritual evolution of humanity.

Tourism

www.ecotourismnz.com – Promoting Sustainable Tourism in NZ

www.ecotourism.org – The International Ecotourism Society – uniting conservation, communities and sustainable travel

www.responsibletravel.org.nz – assisting travellers and the industry make environmentally friendly, sustainable, ethical and respectful choices when travelling and minimising the negative impact of tourism.

Transport

www.bikewise.co.nz - nationally coordinated events that promote safety and biking as a sustainable, fun, healthy and enjoyable means of transport.

www.greenfleet.org.nz - GreenFleet was developed by the Sustainable Business Network to help and encourage businesses to actively reduce both the costs, and associated harmful impacts, of transportation.

www.rightcar.govt.nz – site that assists in finding cars with lower emissions and less air pollution

Waste Management

www.computerrecycling.co.nz - Free clean green computer disposal

www.eday.org.nz - eDay is a community initiative designed to raise awareness of the benefits of recycling computers and the hazardous nature of electronic waste (e-waste), while offering an easy way for households and schools to dispose of old computers and mobile phones in an environmentally sustainable manner.

www.glassforum.org.nz - voluntary product stewardship initiative

www.ronz.org.nz – Recycling operators of New Zealand inc. RONZ is the industry organisation that represents, advocates for and advances the diverse interests of the recyclers of NZ.

www.rubbishfreeyear.co.nz – Christchurch couple challenged themselves to live as rubbish free as possible

www.wasteminz.org.nz – Waste Management Institute of New Zealand – facilitates and shapes best practice for environmentally and economically sustainable waste minimisation strategies in NZ

www.zerowaste.co.nz - a charitable organisation dedicated towards zero waste and a sustainable New Zealand

Water

www.waicare.org.nz – Water quality monitoring, education and action programme for community groups and schools in the Auckland region.

New Zealand Information Sites & Directories

www.carbonzero.co.nz – Providing tools to assist the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and/or carbon footprint

www.ecobob.co.nz – practical information on wide range of topics related to environmentally friendly living

www.ecoevents.org.nz – connecting people to environmental activities

www.ecomatters.org.nz - a charitable trust based in Auckland delivering a diverse range of sustainability initiatives

www.econation.co.nz – independent source of information and education about environmental sustainability

www.enviro-choice.org.nz – the official environmental labelling programme of New Zealand

www.fragileworld.org.nz – the Fragile World Project brings together a selection of significant issues and campaigns to raise public awareness and generate action

www.greenoffice.org.nz – tips on green management, greening the office and has a green directory

www.greenpages.org.nz - directory of non-profit organisations active in the areas of conservation and environmental protection, education, and restoration in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

www.greentick.com – a sustainability certification system and brand

www.intersect.org.nz – Growing a thriving society: bringing more life to our work, our communities and our environment.

www.realsolutions.org.nz - The Bank of Real Solutions aims to help bring forward the successful working models being used today to overcome social, economic and environmental challenges in New Zealand.

www.sustainablehouseholds.org.nz – a resources site for New Zealand sustainable living

www.transitiontowns.org.nz – Transition Towns is an international movement about grassroots community responses to peak oil and climate change

International Information Sites & Directories

www.350.org - a global grassroots movement with the aim of reducing the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere back down to the safe level of 350 parts per million

www.awakeningthedreamer.org – Mission is bringing forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on Planet Earth

www.climatecrisis.net – Official website of An Inconvenient Truth – film about Al Gore’s crusade to halt global warming

www.earthcharterinaction.org - The Earth Charter Initiative is a diverse global network of people and institutions that promote the values and principles of sustainable development.

www.globalfocus.org.nz - Global Focus Aotearoa is a specialist provider of information and education on global and development issues.

www.ourfutureplanet.org – online community that allows people to share ideas, design the future and create global change in the real world

www.pachamama.org – The Pachamama Alliance’s mission is the creation of a new global vision of equity and sustainability for all

www.storyofstuff.com - The Story of Stuff Project’s mission is to build a strong, diverse, decentralized, cross-sector movement to transform systems of production and consumption to serve ecological sustainability and social wellbeing.

www.wiserearth.org - a free online community space connecting the people, nonprofits and businesses working toward a just and sustainable world.

Reading suggestions

- **Carbon Neutral by 2020 – How New Zealanders can tackle climate change**
/edited by Niki Harré and Quentin D. Atkinson

Unitec Library – Call Number: 363.738740993 CAR

Waitakere City Libraries – Call Number: 363.73874 CAR NZ

Auckland City Libraries - Call Number: NZ 551.6 C26

- **‘Careers for environmental types & others who respect the earth’** by Jane Kinney & Micheal Fasulo

Unitec Library - FULLTEXT E-BOOK

Auckland City Libraries – Call Number: 363.7 F24

- **Eco Pioneers – Practical visionaries solving today’s environmental problems**
by Steve Lerner

Unitec Library – Call Number: 363.700922 LER

Auckland Libraries – Call Number: 363.7 LER

- **Ecopreneuring – Putting purpose and the planet before profits** by John Ivanko & Lisa Kivirist

Unitec Library – Call Number: 658.4083 IVA

- **‘Good – Sustainable living in NZ’** bimonthly magazine
Auckland City Libraries – Call Number; SERIAL 363.7 G65

- **Green Careers - Choosing work for a sustainable future** by Jim Cassio & Alice Rush
Unitec Library – Call Number: 333.72023
Auckland Libraries – Call Number: 363.7 C34

- **‘Green Careers for Dummies’** by Carol McClelland
Unitec Library – Call Number: 331.702 and 363.70023
Auckland City Libraries – Call Number: 363.7 M12

- **‘Green Careers – You can make money and save the planet’** by Jennifer Power Scott
Unitec Library – Call Number: 363.70023 POW
Auckland Libraries – Call Number: Y 363.7 POW

- **Green Collar Jobs – Environmental jobs for the 21st century** by Scott M. Deitche
Unitec Library – Call Number: 333.72023

- **‘Greenjobs: a guide to eco-friendly employment’** by A Bronwyn Llewellyn, James P. Hendrix and J.C. Golden.
Unitec Library Fulltext ebook

- **‘Justwork – the ethical careers guide’** edited by Gideon Burrows
Auckland City Libraries – Call Number: 331.702 J96

- **‘Making a living while making a difference : conscious careers for an era of interdependence’** by Melissa Everett (2007)
Unitec Library - FULLTEXT E-BOOK
Auckland Libraries – Call Number 331.702 EVE

- **‘Making a living while making a difference: the expanded guide to creating careers with a conscience’** by Melissa Everett (1999)
Unitec Library – Call Number: 331.702 EVE
Auckland City Libraries – Call Number: 331.702 E93b
Waitakere City Libraries – Call Number: 331.702 EVE

- **‘Organic NZ – Journal of the Soil and Health Association’** bimonthly Magazine
Unitec Library – Call Number - 631.584 ORG (Journal section)
Auckland City Libraries – Call Number; SERIAL 635.04 O68
Waitakere City Libraries – Call Number – Magazine

- **‘Profession and Purpose: a resource guide for MBA careers in sustainability’**
by Katie Kross

Unitec Library – Call Number: 658.4083 KRO

- **‘Resurgence – at the heart of earth, art and spirit’** bimonthly Journal

Unitec Library – Call Number – 333.7 RES (Journal section)

- **‘The ethical careers guide’** edited by Gideon Burrows

Unitec Library – Call Number: 331.702 ETH

- **The last hours of ancient sunlight: the fate of the world and what we can do before it’s too late** by Thom Hartmann

Auckland Libraries – Call Number 304.2 HAR

- **‘The Story of Stuff’** by Annie Leonard

Unitec Library – Call Number: 178 LEO

Auckland Libraries – Call Number: 306.4 LEO or 178 L58

- **‘What can I do. Using the internet to help New Zealand’s Environment’** by
Lisa Harrow

Unitec Library – Call Number 333.72025 HAR

Auckland City Libraries – Call Number NZ 333.72 H31

Waitakere City Libraries – Call Number 333.72 HAR NZ

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