What is an ‘ethical career’?

An ethical career usually refers to seeking employment which has environmental or social responsibility at its core, and takes place within an organisation which has a positive effect or influence on society. An individual’s criteria for measuring environmental and social responsibility will vary. You need to define ‘ethical’ for yourself, in relation to your own values and beliefs.

It is not only charities and not-for-profit organisations that offer ‘ethical’ careers. Many large companies are also aware that corporate social responsibility (CSR) is extremely important.

Useful web resources

The following sources of information may also help you investigate which organisations are viewed as ethically, socially and environmentally responsible:

- [ibe.org.uk](http://ibe.org.uk)
- [impactlimited.com](http://impactlimited.com)
- [FTSE4good.com](http://FTSE4good.com)
- [accountability.org.uk](http://accountability.org.uk)
- [ethicalperformance.com/](http://ethicalperformance.com/)
- [eiris.org](http://eiris.org)
- [csreurope.org/](http://csreurope.org/)
- [ethicalconsumer.org/](http://ethicalconsumer.org/)
- [globalwitness.org](http://globalwitness.org)
- [uksif.org](http://uksif.org)
- [sgr.org.uk](http://sgr.org.uk)
- [shared-interest.com](http://shared-interest.com)

For environmentally sustainable careers

- [thegreenorganisation.info](http://thegreenorganisation.info)
- [nature.com](http://nature.com)
- [countryside-jobs.com/](http://countryside-jobs.com/)
- [ends.co.uk](http://ends.co.uk)
- [environmentjobs.com](http://environmentjobs.com)
- [eco-web.com/](http://eco-web.com/)
- [greenguide.co.uk](http://greenguide.co.uk)
- [iclei.org](http://iclei.org)
- [greenjobs.co.uk/](http://greenjobs.co.uk/)
- [bond.org.uk](http://bond.org.uk)
- [wse.org.uk](http://wse.org.uk)
- [eiris.org](http://eiris.org)
- [newint.org/](http://newint.org/)

Development:

- [reliefweb.int](http://reliefweb.int)
- [UN.org](http://UN.org)
Environmental related:

**Bright Green Placements** – [brightgreenplacements.org.uk](http://brightgreenplacements.org.uk)

Offers exciting opportunities for students and recent graduates with a wide range of paid industry placements across the country. Bright Green Placements provides the opportunity for students and graduates to work on 8 to 12 week projects with Scottish businesses. They have two key programmes – the Environmental Placement Programme (EPP) and the Step Programme.

**Charities**

⇒ [goodmoves.org.uk](http://goodmoves.org.uk)
⇒ [cancerresearchuk.org/about-us/jobs/](http://cancerresearchuk.org/about-us/jobs/)
⇒ [charitypeople.com](http://charitypeople.com)
⇒ [thirdsector.co.uk](http://thirdsector.co.uk)
⇒ [wfac.org.uk](http://wfac.org.uk)
⇒ [cafonline.org](http://cafonline.org)
⇒ [charityjob.co.uk](http://charityjob.co.uk)

You may also want to consider:

**Working Families** [workingfamilies.org.uk](http://workingfamilies.org.uk)

**Flexibility** [flexibility.co.uk](http://flexibility.co.uk) - online resources including more case studies

**Self Employment** view our leaflet at [stir.ac.uk/careers](http://stir.ac.uk/careers)