

Energy Projects Manager

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Luke leads on Energy Projects at Nottingham City Council. Prior to this, Luke landed his perfect job in 2010 working for the Olympic Delivery Authority (in charge of London 2012), as a member of the multi award-winning sustainability team that successfully delivered the most sustainable Olympic Games ever. After 8 years living and working in London, Luke recently moved to Nottingham where he is now responsible for Nottingham City Council's innovative renewable energy projects.

Why I chose my job

Choosing a career path is really tough. There are so many choices and you're expected to know from a very young age. When you choose your career path you'll want tick these three boxes:

- 1. An interesting, varied and cutting-edge industry
- 2. Something that pays well, where job opportunities will only increase in number
- 3. Something where you can use your enthusiasm and brain to make a genuine difference

A career in the environment, be it energy or sustainability can give you all of these! It can be very rewarding to see your work making a genuine difference to people in the City.

The day-to-day

My job involves making sure renewable energy projects get completed properly. I manage a number of large budgets; I'm a team manager and get asked to represent Nottingham City Council at external events.

Key skills

- Numeracy and literacy
- Problem solver, analytical mind
- People skills, able to persuade people

Qualifications

I did an undergraduate and postgraduate degree in International Politics, focussing on environmental issues. Some of my colleagues have a degree in environmental sciences, climate change or energy engineering

Salary & Progression

A typical entry level salary is £18,000 rising to an industry average of £30,000.