## Environmental Careers Conference

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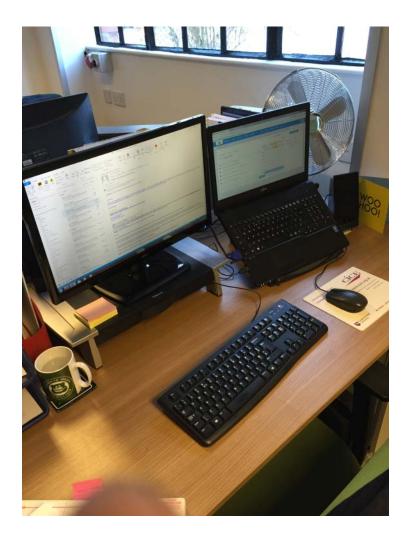
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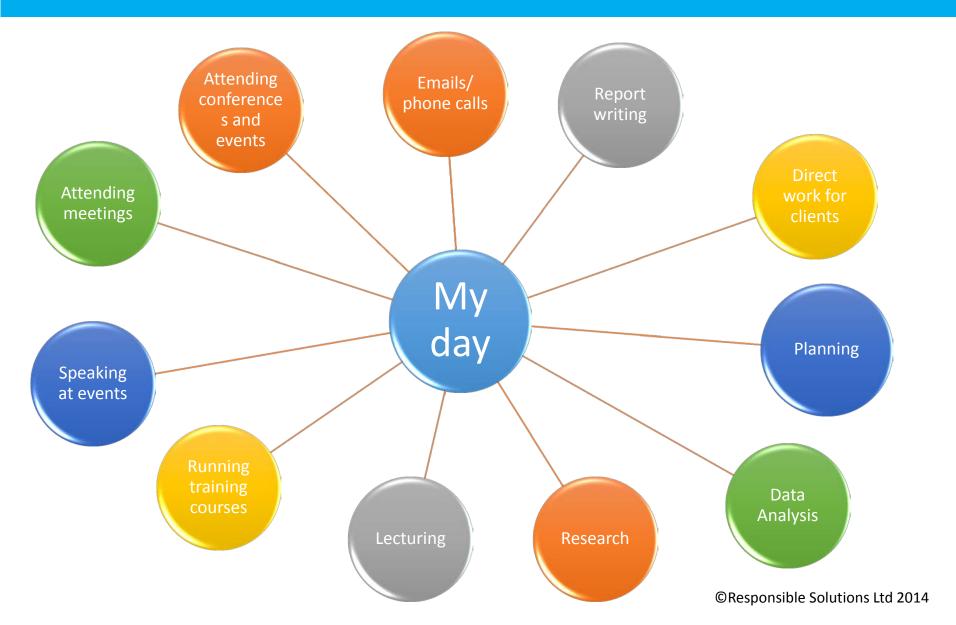
## What do I do?

- Quite varied, although largely office based
  - 8:30am 5pm, Mon Fri
- Site visits to meet clients
- Attendance at meetings/conferences etc.

'...advise organisations on a range of issues, from managing waste and recycling, to monitoring their suppliers' environmental performance and the risk associated with sourcing their materials and products.'

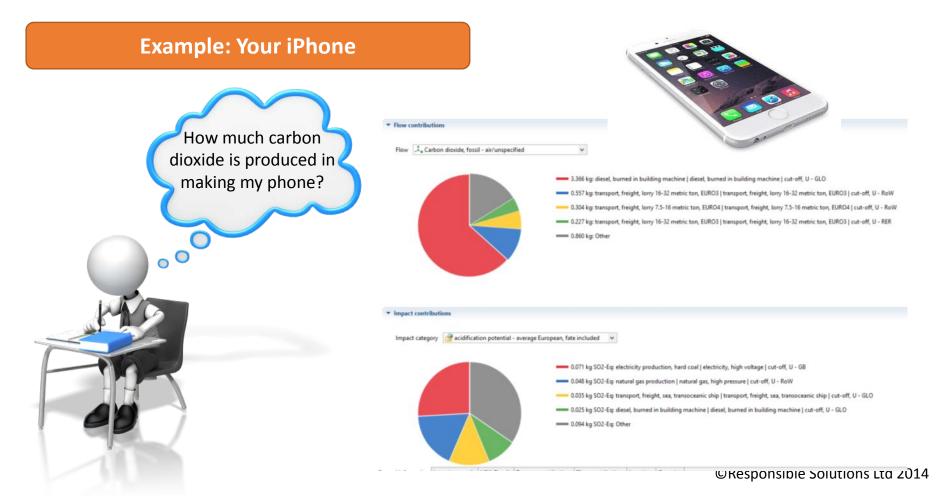


## What do I do?



## An example of the sort of projects I get involved with

- Life cycle assessment
  - What is the environmental impact of making a product?



# To do what I do, what do you need to have done?



## **Environmental degrees**

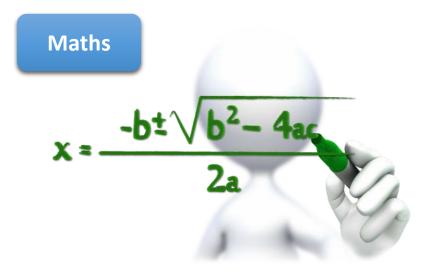
#### • Suitable A-Levels

• Geography, Science based subjects...

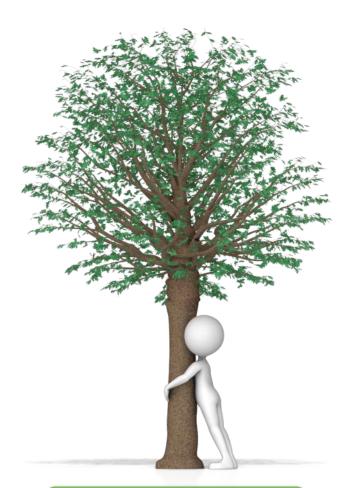
#### • Degree educated in a relevant field

- Environmental Science, Geography, Earth Sciences, etc...
- Some employers may ask for postgraduate qualifications/experience
- Membership of professional bodies
  - Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
- Relevant work experience/voluntary work
- Other transferable skills
  - Written
  - Communication
  - Etc...

## What A-Levels did I take?







**Environmental Science** 

## The important question!



## It depends!

- Typically entry/graduate level will earn around £22,000 per year
  - This will vary between company/sector/location
- With experience this can rise
- Typically, more experienced Senior or Principal Consultants can earn anywhere between £30,000 and £60,000 per year
  - Again, this depends on company/sector/location

## Any advice James?

- Start looking at jobs now
  - What sort of thing would you like to do?
    - Lots of variety in our field
- What degree courses do they specify?
  - Start looking at universities that can offer these courses
    - What are their entry requirements?
    - Are they realistic?
- Choose suitable A-Levels
  - I chose Maths because I thought it would help
  - I wish I'd chosen Chemistry too...
- Look for relevant experience
  - Work experience
  - Voluntary work

If you haven't already, start building your CV...



## **Thanks for listening!**

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