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Why sustainability?

I've been interested in protecting the environment from a young age. My parents are environmental health officers and so I've always been exposed to environmental issues etc. and have grown up wanting to help make a difference.

What experience have you gained at University?

I have helped the sustainability department in a number of different jobs and events whilst in my 3rd year at Exeter.

I helped to carry out campus bike counts in order for the department to analyse the trends in the number cycling to the university over the last few years. I have also helped at a number of events the department have run such as the 'Gaia Hypothesis' musical performance, the Sustainability Supplier Showcase and Green week events, which have all been extremely fun and have helped me understand more about what the university do to be more sustainable. Finally I took part in the NUS Green Impact scheme, where I was one of a number of auditors that survey how sustainable various departments of the University are.

What skills have you gained?

Volunteering has allowed me to gain more experience of teamwork with a variety of different



people. It has also developed my abilities in data collection and to use my initiative.

The NUS Scheme gave me IEMA approved training as a green impact auditor, which was a very worthwhile experience.

What are you going to do next?

I have just been offered a job at BRE on their 2 year graduate scheme, which will involve research and innovations in sustainable development.

What is the one thing that everyone can do to make a difference?

Think about your impact on the planet. Be conscious of what you are doing and how it will impact on others now and in the future.