

*I am passionate about reducing our carbon footprint, so I became a...*

# SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT



## Job role

As a sustainability consultant you could:

- Advise on how green business practice can help reduce the impact on the environment
- Research new technologies which can help reduce energy usage of business
- Oversee initiatives to reduce waste and encourage recycling
- Recommend the most sustainable construction strategies
- Advise on environmental laws and how they apply to businesses



## Qualification level

Degree preferable but not essential



## Salary

Junior level: £25,000 per year

Senior level: £60,000+



*I really wanted to travel to some remote places so I became a...*

# GEOPHYSICIST



## Job role

Many geophysicists work in oil and gas exploration. As a geophysicist you might:

- Travel to remote, offshore locations and use cutting-edge technology to map underground resources
- Work with seismic data to advise on where resources lie underground
- Keep up to date with innovative technologies to support mapping underground
- Present to businesses on your findings on how viable underground resources may be



## Qualification level

Degree essential and PhD will increase potential earnings considerably



## Salary

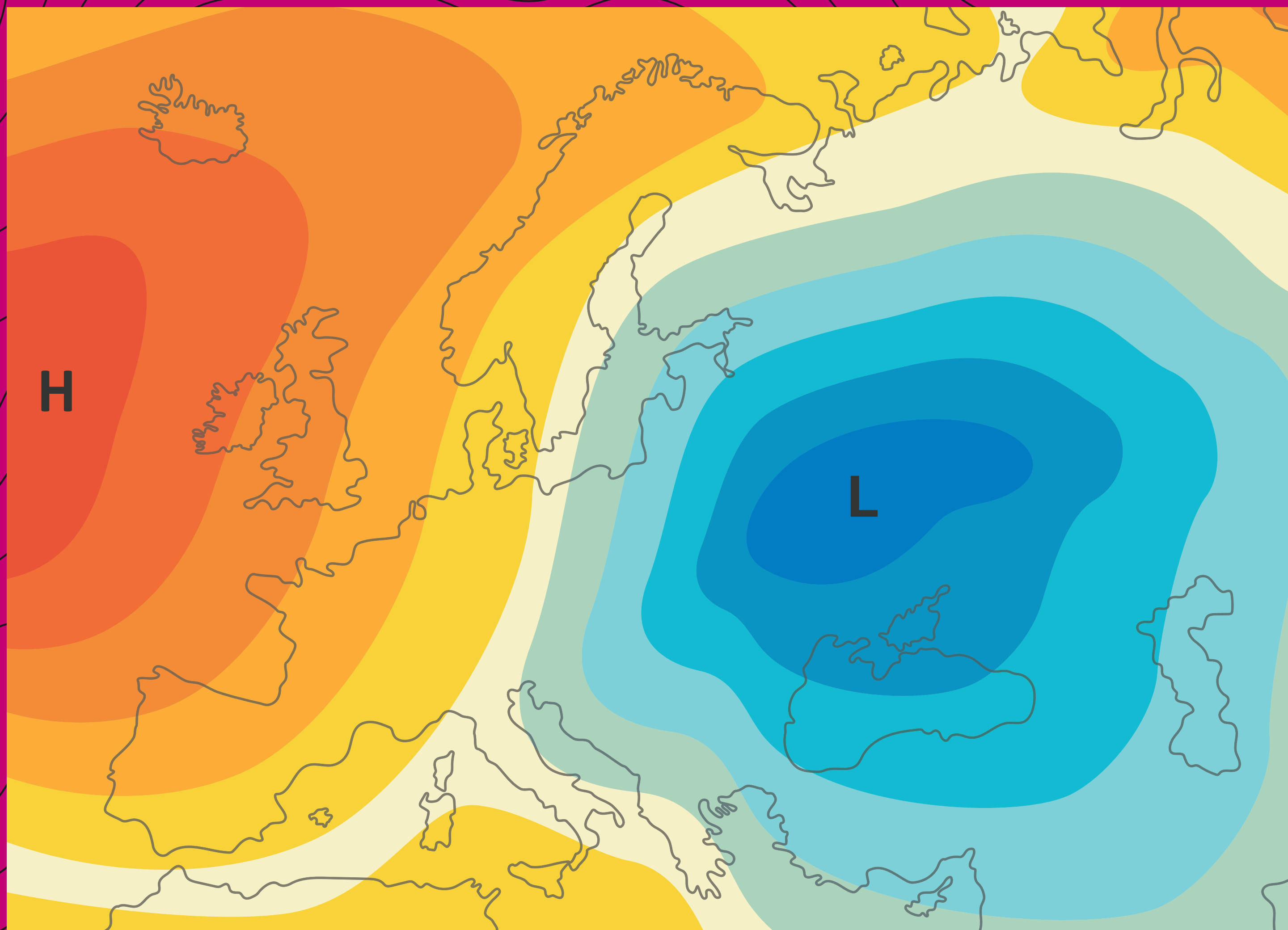
Junior level: £28,000 per year

Senior level: £100,000 + per year



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# METEOROLOGIST



## Job role

As a meteorologist you could:

- Research weather patterns, climate change and model short and long-term weather forecasts using the latest technology
- Collect data from satellite images, remote sensors, radar and weather stations
- Present and analyse short and long term weather forecasts
- Code reports for international publication
- Decide when to give flood warnings or other extreme weather warnings



## Qualification level

A degree is usually required and maths or physics at A Level level or above is desirable. Some candidates are considered with a HND/ Foundation degree if they have an A level in maths and or physics but it is harder to get in.



## Salary

Trainee: £20,000- £30,000

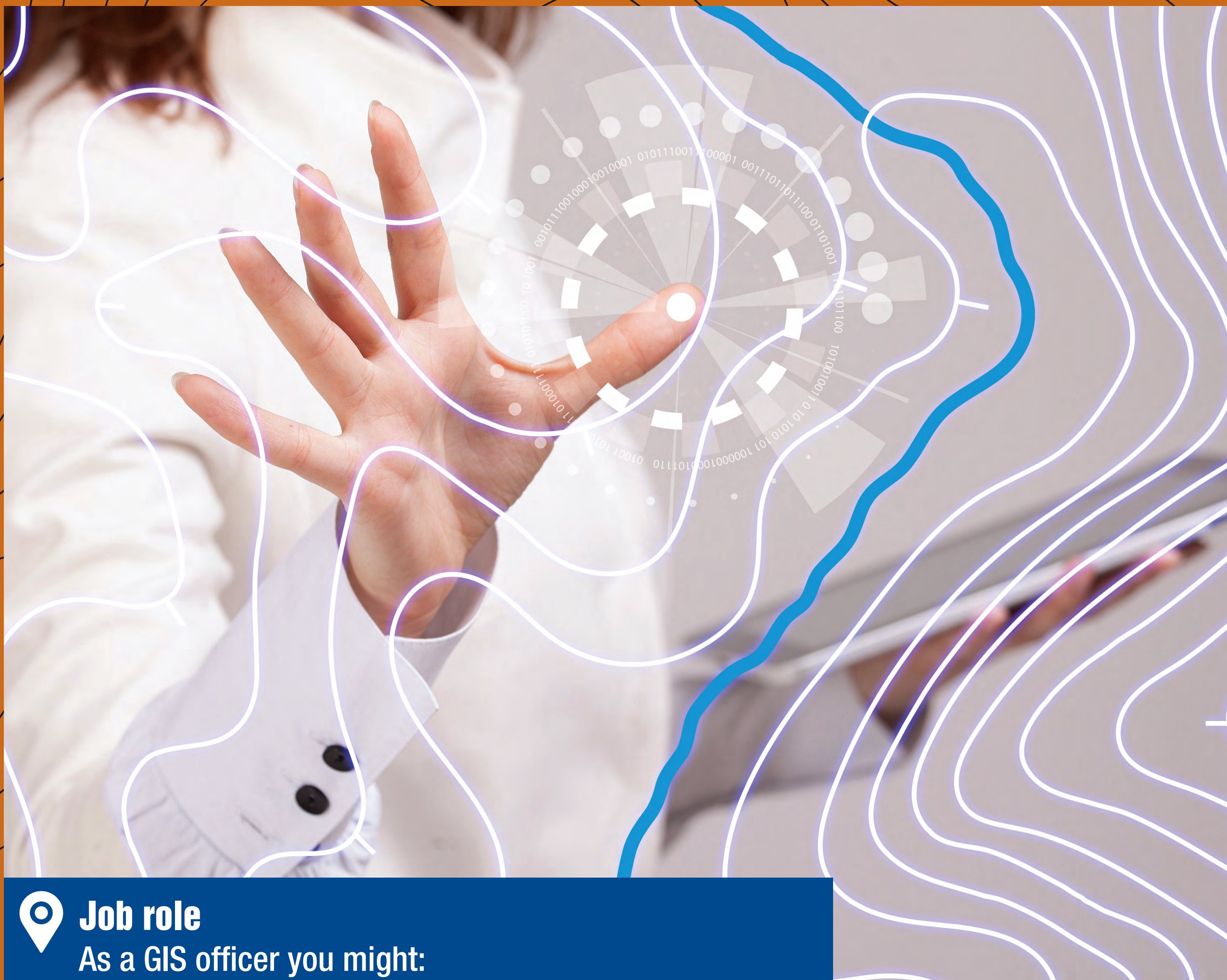
Experienced: £25,000- £35,000

Management: £38,000- £60,000



*I enjoyed searching and identifying patterns in data, so I became a...*

# GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) OFFICER



## Job role

As a GIS officer you might:

- Work in the field to collect and map key features of the natural and built landscape
- Use a wide variety of data sets and search for patterns, relationships and trends linked to locations, eg. mapping flooding risk
- Manage projects by collecting data and identifying the most suitable apps and data presentation techniques to create meaningful data
- Advise clients on trends and patterns that may affect their business or improve their efficiencies



## Qualification level

Degree or postgraduate qualification is preferred



## Salary

Junior level: £18,000 per year

Senior level: £40,000 + per year



*I really want to make a difference to people's lives, so I became an...*

# INTERNATIONAL AID/ DEVELOPMENT WORKER



## Job role

As an international aid or development worker you could:

- Work in education, healthcare, agriculture, sanitation, human rights or emergency response
- Manage, monitor and evaluate sustainability projects overseas
- Organise fundraising events and activities
- Assess risk and security procedures for staff working in dangerous areas
- Problem-solve under pressure, particularly in disaster areas
- Develop strong relationships with overseas partners and staff
- Travel to areas and working overseas either long term on projects in local communities OR short term dealing with emergency crisis in areas hit by man-made or natural disasters



## Qualification level

Vocational qualification in a relevant subject or a degree (preferred). Some posts do not require a degree.



## Salary

(UK based)

Junior level: £18,000 per year

Senior level: £50,000 + per year

(Overseas based)

Junior level: £21,000 per year

Senior level: 37,000 + per year

*but overseas posts will often include accommodation and other incentives such as free flights and allowances*



*Geopolitics and international relations really interested me, so I became a...*

# DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OFFICER



## Job role

As a diplomatic service officer you might:

- Work at locations around the world in embassies, consulates or high commissions
- Move country regularly depending on your preferences and career aspirations
- Influence international and diplomatic diplomacy
- Contribute to and participate in foreign policy, for example on trade and investment, conflict, counter-terrorism, human rights or climate change
- Organise and manage diplomatic visits and meet influential and powerful people



## Qualification level

A degree is required  
2:2 or above

To work for the UK government you must be a British citizen and have lived for at least 2 years in the UK out of the last 10 years.



## Salary

£28,000 rising to  
£45,000 within 5 years



*Conservation has always been a priority for me, so I became an...*

# ECOLOGIST



## Job role

As an ecologist you might:

- Work in a variety of different habitat environments in rural or urban areas, such as grasslands, woodlands, heathland, rivers, coastal locations and marshes or brownfield sites
- Conduct surveys in the field and collect data on habitats using technologies such as GPS and GIS
- Carry out environmental impact assessments
- Work on habitat management and creation projects
- Contribute to ideas and changes to policy and legislation around conservation and habitat management



## Qualification level

A degree is required  
Experience volunteering or working with local wildlife groups is advantageous. A driving licence as you will be expected to visit sites.



## Salary

Assistant Ecologist:  
£18,000- £22,000 a year  
Senior Ecologist:  
£30,000- £45,000 per year  
Consultant Ecologist:  
£45,000+



*I am calm and cool in a crisis, so I use my skills as an...*

# EMERGENCY PLANNER/ MANAGEMENT OFFICER



## Job role

As an emergency planner/ management officer you might:

- Work in emergency or disaster situations, responding to major incidents, eg. flooding or threats to safety, eg. terrorist attacks
- Complete risk assessments of potentially dangerous places such as nuclear power stations or chemical factories and advise on how they can mitigate risk or function in an emergency
- Write and implement safety reports, eg. safety in crowded spaces such as city centres or sports venues
- Liaise and coordinate other agencies, eg. police and medical services
- Raise public awareness of the risks and mitigation strategies
- Develop policies and procedures in line with changing government advice and legislation



## Qualification level

A degree is essential unless you have extensive experience in a related profession



## Salary

Junior level: £22,000- £28,000

Experienced level: £35,000- 50,000

Experienced level: £50,000+



*I wanted to impart my passion for the natural world to the next generation so I became a...*

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OFFICER



## Job role

As an environmental education officer you might:

- Work with schools and community groups giving talks or train volunteers on environmental issues in the locality
- Research and develop educational resources and programmes for schools and community groups or visitors
- Raise funds and generate income for conservation or sustainability projects
- Apply for funding or grants
- Conduct risk assessments for assess visits and trips with groups or schools
- Research and collate survey data



## Qualification level

A degree is preferred but an HND or foundation degree in a relevant qualification will be accepted, often with work experience in a similar field. Those choosing to work primarily with schools will find a PGCE is preferable.



## Salary

Junior level: £17,000- £20,000  
1-5 years experience

Senior level: £22,000- £30,000

Higher managerial roles/  
consultancy: £50,000+



*I was interested in the built environment so I became a...*

# TOWN PLANNER



## Job role

As a town planner you could:

- Manage, assist and assess planning applications for the development of urban or rural areas
- Apply government legislation, policy and guidance to the assessment of planning applications
- Consult with a range of stakeholders who may have strong opinions and about an application
- Write reports with recommendations for a range of audiences
- Present at meetings and planning appeals and public inquiries



## Qualification level

A degree which is accredited by RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute) or a degree and a postgraduate qualification which has RTPI accreditation.



## Salary

Assistant Town planner:  
£18,000- £22,000 a year

Team Leader: £30,000-  
£45,000

Chief Planning Officer or  
Director: £55,000 up to  
£100,000