

VALUE CONNECTION

SLS RELATED CAREERS



So how can I make a difference? There are many ways you can contribute, including through advocacy, volunteering, personal behavior change, or your choice of work. If you are curious about the different career paths related to this Action Pack, the following list provides a starting point for planning an exciting future! This list offers just a few ideas, so please consider talking to people in the field, researching other schools, and exploring ways to get job experience such as volunteering for an organization that aligns with your values and interests.

NATURE NURTURE

Environmental Lawyer

Environmental lawyers defend the rights of the earth in legal disputes. You could work with communities to build cases that support environmental conservation and the long term protection of ecosystems. You may work at a firm that specializes in environmental law, for a private company or a local government. Environmental lawyers can also lend their expertise to environmental non-profits fighting for nature's rights.

SOME EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

- **BA in Law & Society**
Offered at: [York University](#), [Wilfred Laurier University](#), [UBC](#)
- **BA in Legal Studies**
Offered at: [UOIT](#), [University of Waterloo](#), [Capilano University](#)

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE IDEAS:

- Environmental non-profits or NGO's
- Law firms
- Environmental law non-profits
- Environmental advocacy organizations

Environmental Non-Profit Executive Director

Environmental non-profits support work that protects or improves the natural environment. As the executive director you would report to a board of directors, manage staff and help to choose projects and allocate funds appropriately towards environmental initiatives. You may also be responsible for connecting with other organizations to work on joint projects and develop shared resources.

SOME EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

- **BA in Environmental Studies**
Offered at: [UNBC](#), [University of Victoria](#), [Queens University](#), [York University](#)
- **Environmental Studies Diploma**
Offered at: [Langara College](#)
- **Non-Profit Management Certificate**
Offered at: [BCIT](#), [SFU](#), [Ryerson University](#)

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE IDEAS:

- Environmental non-profits or NGO's
- Conservation organizations
- Environmental or outdoor education organizations

Ecologist

Ecologists are scientists who study the close ties between the environment and all living creatures. They examine the effects of industrialization, temperature shifts, pollution and rainfall, among others, on species and ecosystems. You could work both in the field and in a lab to collect data and samples. Ecologists are often also engaged in ecosystem and species rehabilitation efforts.

SOME EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

- **BSc in Environmental Science**
Offered at: [Royal Roads University](#), [SFU](#), [University of Calgary](#), [UNBC](#), [York University](#)
- **BSc in Ecology**
Offered at: [University of Guelph](#), [Laurentian University](#)
- **Bachelors in Ecological Restoration**
Offered at: [BCIT](#), [Trent University](#)

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE IDEAS:

- Environmental consulting firms
- Conservation organizations
- Environmental education centres
- Provincial or National parks
- Urban ecology organizations

Environmental/Outdoor Educator

Environmental and outdoor educators use the principles of the natural world to teach people about themselves and their connection to the earth. As an environmental educator you could work with children of all ages, from elementary to high school, or within the community to teach people, including adults, about the environment and what they can do to help protect it.

SOME EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

- **BEd in Outdoor & Environmental Education**
Offered at: [Queens University](#)
- **Outdoor & Adventure Education Diploma**
Offered at: [Fleming College](#), [UBC](#)
- **Outdoor Education Certificate**
Offered at: [Humber College](#)

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE IDEAS:

- Environmental non-profits and NGO's
- Nature parks or reserves
- Outdoor or wilderness schools
- Environmental education centres
- Summer camps

Environmental Film Maker

Environmental film makers use creativity and narrative storytelling to make films that focus on expanding the viewer knowledge and understanding of the environment and issues that affect local communities and the earth as a whole. You could focus on issues such as climate change,

social justice issues, consumerism, water issues or the protection of specific species and ecosystems.

SOME EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS:

- **Motion Picture Arts Diploma**
Offered at: [Capilano University](#)
- **Film Production Diploma**
Offered at: [Toronto Film School](#), [Vancouver Film School](#)
- **Documentary Film Making Certificate**
Offered at: [Langara College](#), [Seneca College](#)

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE IDEAS:

- Film production studios
- Environmental non-profits or NGO's
- Make your own films about environmental issues

OTHER CAREER RESOURCES:

- [Eco-Canada](#): Environmental job listings and career profiles
- [Good Work](#): Environmental employment and volunteer listings
- [Career Cruising](#): Career planning resource (requires username and password: all BC students have access, ask your teacher or school administrator for log in information)
- [Charity Village](#): Career assessment tool for planning a meaningful and fulfilling career path