



The International Day of Women in Science

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I am the field assistant to the senior biologist in the Skye and Lochalsh Rivers Trust, I assist with Trust activities such as electrofishing, sweep netting, lice monitoring and fixing nets.

I've always had a love for conservation, especially when it comes to our oceans and rivers, and have always idolised female scientists such as Dr. Sylvia Earle and Dr. Cindy

Lee Van Dover. From a young age I was always drawn to marine and freshwater environments, which led me to pursue a degree in marine science at the Scottish Association for Marine Science. During my final year, and due to the Covid-19 pandemic I moved home to Skye as my studies had moved online, and I was lucky enough to be offered a job working for the SLRT! I am eager to pursue this career, as it allows me to live close to home whilst pursuing a scientific career which is mostly outdoor-based, which is what I have always wanted to do, and where I find the most joy.

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