



## The International Day of Women in Science

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Working with a small Trust, currently 4 full-time members of staff, I need to be able to turn my hand at most skills this includes fish and habitat surveys, fish rescues, green engineering installation, project development, data analysis, finances including budgeting, invoices and consultation responses. The work varies depending on the time of year and project deliverables.

I have always had an interest in the water environment and decided to study a BSc (Hons) in Marine and Freshwater Biology at Edinburgh Napier University. Just before graduating I contacted the Trust asking if I could volunteer/help with anything. It was there in June 2009, I started a temporary position as an Invasive Non-Native Plant Species surveyor along two of the six Ayrshire river catchments. Almost 13 years on and I remain with the Trust, my role has changed and adapted throughout the years along with achieving a variety of skills.

[Find out more](#) about the organisation Gillian works with.