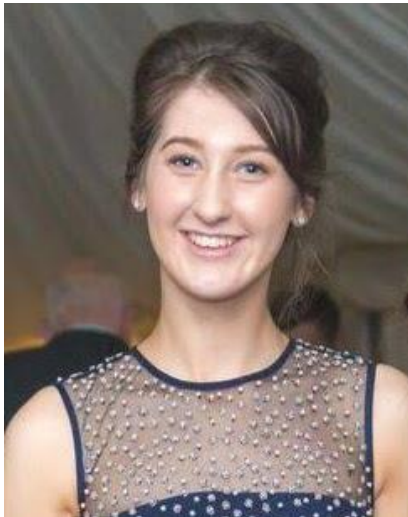




The International Day of Women in Science

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Where I was brought up, salmon fishing has always been of large cultural and economic importance – my family too, is/was employed in the sector. The interest in the fisheries sector was always there but when I was younger, I had more of a fascination with the ocean, in particular whales and dolphins – I think it was David Attenborough’s documentaries that sealed the deal! I went to study Marine Science with the same interest; however, I graduated with a degree in Oceanography and Robotics instead. Before and during my studies, I dipped my toe into the (fresh)water and spent a couple of summers working as a seasonal assistant biologist at the Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust. It has got to be one of the most diverse careers available – each day is different and that’s what I love about working in this sector.

I have recently progressed to temporarily working at the Scottish Fisheries Coordination Centre (SFCC) as a Data Coordinator. In this role, I will aim to develop useful data collection tools for SFCC members to utilise infield while further enhancing my interest in both technology development and the fisheries sector but in another outlook.

Thankfully, views have changed within the sector and what really matters nowadays is your enthusiasm towards researching and preserving the riverine habitat.

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