



The International Day of Women in Science

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I've been a biologist with the Clyde River Foundation, an environmental charity based in the University of Glasgow, since 2019 and have loved every minute of it. No day is the same and it's the variety and range of work that we're involved in that makes this job easy for me to be passionate about. My career in the Fisheries Management Scotland network is personally fulfilling – especially through our educational projects, it's such an accomplishment to inspire the next generation of scientists.

Both of my parents are scientists – my mum is a Biomedical scientist, and my dad is a Quality assurance officer in the pharmaceutical industry. Naturally, my parents sparked my interest in science - from the age of 5 I can remember reading children's science books and since then, they have encouraged me to think and view the world like a scientist. The key is to stay curious and seek answers!

After studying Zoology at the University of Glasgow and a 3-month expedition to Tobago, I took the first job I could get...which was unfortunately in retail! I did this for two years before a position at the Clyde River Foundation was available. During my interview, I said I wanted to be a biologist more than anything, to pursue a career related to my degree and my manager, Dr William Yeomans, said my passion to be in this field made me get this job.

The rest they say (for now!) is history – as a first “science” job, I couldn't have gotten it any better, I love the work we do and the people that I work with. If you're a woman looking to pursue a career in STEM, I highly recommend it –

it's important that we have that representation and equal opportunities within this sector.

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