I embarked on my the MSc in Sustainability and Environmental Studies in 2011 having worked as a transport planner for 6 years. I was attracted to the MSc because of the relevance of many of the modules to workplaces within the environmental sector. The courses which I greatly enjoyed included Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental Business Strategy, Global Water Policy and the Pollution and Rehabilitation of Degraded Ecosystems.

My dissertation developed good practice guidance relating to the development of National Oil Spill Contingency Plans, working with both existing academic research and industry experts. I used this good practice guidance to review the quality of ten international National Oil Spill Contingency Plans and then used the outcomes to suggest changes which could be made to National Oil Spill Contingency Plans. This review also led to suggested amendments to the way in which these Plans are developed and reviewed to enhance quality.