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Awards: Best MSc Dissertation

I was brought up in Scotland and completed my first degree in Zoology at the University of Edinburgh. Like many new graduates I was unsure of what career I wanted to pursue and was working within the catering industry. While working I met an EHO doing a routine food inspection and found out what an exciting and unusual career Environmental Health provides.

Having been out of education for two years and never having studied many of the subjects included within the course, it was a daunting prospect to learn and pass such a wide variety of new subjects in one year. However extensive support was given from all departmental staff throughout the degree as well as guidance from professional EHO's, many of whom were previous graduates of the university. The degree covered an extensive range of subjects relating directly to the profession and included some interesting field trips, providing practical experience. Many lectures were also conducted by members of Glasgow city council, offering an opportunity to gain an insight into the reality of working as an EHO.

Although Strathclyde is a large university, the Environmental Health group is small and intimate and I quickly came to know all staff members and undergraduates from third and final year. This made my time at Strathclyde very relaxed and enjoyable and I made many lifelong friends.

As the University and its post-graduate accommodation are situated in the centre of Glasgow, I was only minutes from the main shopping and tourist attractions of the city. This was ideal for passing any spare time and getting away from the books. I am currently applying for student Environmental Health Officers posts within local government to allow me to undertake the professional training required to become a fully qualified EHO.

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