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### **What do I love about my job?**

I love that I can make a positive a difference to our environment, our communities and our economy. I really enjoy problem solving, asking questions, and working with others.

### **What is a typical day like for me?**

We carry out a lot of our work over the internet just now, due to COVID-19. In the morning I might be meeting online with businesses. We explore how they can manage their environmental footprint or what changes they will have to make to their business due to climate change. I might have to write a short article for a web page, or a document to go to Government advisors. In the afternoon I might be speaking at a webinar or attending an online meeting with people from all over the world. Learning about how other nations are tackling pollution and sharing what we are doing here in Scotland can help us to achieve a sustainable future for everyone.

### **Why did I choose this career?**

I love nature and the outdoors so protecting our environment is really important to me. I also really love food! I am interested in where our food comes from and how it is produced. Being curious about those things led me into this career. Working with farmers and food companies, I get to explore how we can produce food in ways that are better for the environment.

### **How did you get into this career?**

I enjoyed science and geography at school and I really liked being outside in the countryside. When I left education I volunteered at places to get work experience. Through volunteering I found that I liked working with people and I preferred working in rural areas, in places similar to where I grew up. I have been working for SEPA for 20yrs now and I still volunteer with local charities too.