

# Professional Recognition for **Environmentalists**

through the

**Institute  
of Water**

**SocEnv**  
Society for the Environment



## Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv)

Chartered Environmentalist embraces a wide range of disciplines and being chartered is an excellent way of demonstrating your competence in sustainable environmental management and development.

The Institute of Water is licensed to assess and award CEnv through its licence with the Society for the Environment.

## Why should you become a Chartered Environmentalist?

The Water Industry contributes to and relies upon the quality of the natural environment and strives to sustain or improve that environment whenever there is the opportunity. Sustainable development is therefore an integral part of the culture which has always been embedded in the water utilities, their regulators and suppliers, all of which understand environmental issues and promote environmental stewardship. As an industry employee and environmental practitioner you will be aware of the significant global environmental challenges that face us all. Public expectation and demands on your knowledge and experience will continue to increase and you will need to demonstrate your professionalism with ever greater rigour and transparency. One way to demonstrate this is through this independently regulated qualification that applies to most professional disciplines.

So now is the time to prove the value of what you do, to help create a more sustainable world.

As individuals we cannot achieve sustainability alone, together we can make a difference.

## How to become a Chartered Environmentalist

To be eligible for assessment you must have attained 12 units of learning (with at least 4 years relevant vocational experience) where:

1 year of academic study = 2 units,

1 year of vocational experience = 1 unit.

Please contact the Institute of Water for a copy of the CEnv Specification, which lists all the entrance criteria, and an application pack, or download from the website. On receipt of this the Institute of Water will make arrangements for your application to be assessed which may result in a professional review interview.

## What SocEnv does

SocEnv is an independent organisation that comprises professional bodies and learned societies such as the Institute of Water that all share a common vision of a sustainable environment through best practice and environmental action.

SocEnv aims to deliver its vision through better understanding and awareness of sustainable environmental management, standards and practice for the public benefit. By drawing on and pooling the knowledge and experience of Constituent Bodies and their members SocEnv will:

- Regulate the profession of environmental practice through the Chartered Environmentalist qualification.
- Seek to influence government, policy makers and opinion formers on all aspects of the environment.

## Members of the Institute of Water who have benefited recently from this professional qualification:



Ben Usher,  
Sewerage Manager  
for the East Midlands,  
Severn Trent Water

I was interested in applying for CEnv status as for a number of years I did not feel there was a route by which experiences of protecting the environment could be recognised professionally. Much of what we do on a daily basis within Severn Trent directly protects the environment. For example:

- Using recycled material in our excavations
- Reducing waste by identifying and minimising leakage from the water distribution system
- Minimising the risk of pollution by operating our network effectively
- Using no dig techniques when laying new pipes and services
- Monitoring electricity usage at Sewerage Pumping Stations and then looking at ways of reducing the power used, and
- Promoting the use of renewable energy sources

The application route is straightforward and worthwhile in itself; it allowed me to consider my career to date and review where I want to go in the future.

I feel that becoming a Chartered Environmentalist has enabled me to look at what I do every day and to look at where I can improve the environmental work I am involved in with Severn Trent Water. Sometimes it is too easy to get lost in the daily grind and forget how much we are actually contributing to environmental protection.



Lewis Jones,  
Future Quality Obligations  
and R&D Manager,  
South West Water

We work in a unique Industry that interacts with the environment continuously. Providing top quality drinking water and disposing of or recycling the waste streams in a sustainable fashion is the challenge that we face every day. Whatever your discipline, academic background or training, 'CEnv' demonstrates that you want to meet that challenge.



Steve Youell,  
Water Quality Scientist,  
Portsmouth Water Ltd

Having become chartered and been through the process I would encourage more members of the Institute of Water to consider doing the same. It is a great opportunity to reflect on your career to date, where you want to go in the future and at the same time gain professional recognition.

I first heard of the Society for the Environment at an Institute of Water Conference and it was the combination of my interest in the environment, achieving a qualification relevant to my role and wanting to further my career that saw me apply for the qualification.

Since becoming a Chartered Environmentalist I now have a more focused interest in environmental issues and try to instil this in to the Water Quality Department. To date I have enjoyed maintaining my CPD and try to attend as many events as possible so that I gain experience over a wide range of industry topics; the CPD also helps with the recent introduction of the Competent Analyst regulation from the DWI.

I would encourage anyone who has an interest in environmental issues to apply for the Chartership; being a member of the Institute of Water offers the perfect platform for you to achieve the acceptance criteria and maintain a CPD record.



Tony Cooke,  
Managing Director,  
Bournemouth &  
West Hampshire Water

Membership of a learned institute verifies a person's professional competence. However, membership of such an institute does not by itself demonstrate how a person discharges his responsibilities.

The Chartered Environmentalist designation fills this gap. It demonstrates to the world at large that the duties are being undertaken respecting the principles of sustainable development.

When a person's duties involve the husbandry of such a precious and finite resource as water which is key to public health, economic development and which has such a major potential impact on the environment, this is in my view of paramount importance.

## For more information visit

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