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University of Glasgow and renewable energy company, RES, to inspire future environmental scientists with S3 field course

Nineteen S3 students from across the Dumfries and Galloway region will have the opportunity to take part in a fully funded free residential field course this summer, designed to inspire young people to consider future careers in environmental science, ecology, and sustainability.

The University of Glasgow has teamed up with RES to offer the newly established course, which will introduce pupils to the world of professional environmental science, via hands-on outdoor learning.

'EnviroLab Summer Experience: Careers for the Future' takes place this July at the Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment (SCENE). Funded by RES, the course will be delivered by the University of Glasgow, Crichton University Campus in Dumfries.

The programme aims to widen access to environmental education while encouraging pupils to see how science can play a vital role in addressing global environmental challenges.

Led by University of Glasgow staff and researchers, students will take part in activities such as wildlife surveys, habitat assessments, and environmental data collection. Alongside developing practical skills, the course will highlight potential academic and career pathways in environmental science, renewable energy, and related sectors.

By offering the course free of charge, RES and the University of Glasgow hope to remove barriers to participation and support pupils in exploring higher education and careers they may not previously have considered.

Dr Natalie Welden, Lecturer in Environmental Science and Sustainability, said: *"I'm really excited to be able to highlight some of the amazing experiences that come with working in the environmental sector. By trying out some of these skills for themselves, I'm hoping that we can show students the range of options that are open to them.*

"Whether they are considering taking environmental science or related subjects at higher level, or are interested in studying at university, there are a huge range of potential careers both here in Dumfries and Galloway, in wider Scotland, and the wider world."

The field course reflects a shared commitment by RES and the University of Glasgow to inspire the next generation of environmental scientists and sustainability professionals. By combining practical experience, exposure to university life, and engagement with the natural environment, the programme aims to spark long-term interest in environmental science careers among young people in the region.

Jim Cameron, Senior Development Project Manager at RES said: *"We're delighted to partner with the University of Glasgow's Dumfries Campus to support this inspiring initiative designed for high school students across the region. With Scotland's booming renewable energy industry offering countless career opportunities, I'm positive that this experience will also get these young people thinking about the various ways they can train, work and thrive within Dumfries and Galloway itself.*

"This builds upon RES' proud history in Scotland of maximising skills development and investment in the local economy – such as our Bloch Wind Farm proposal which, if consented, would see £8.5 million invested and 76 job years created in Dumfries and Galloway, during construction alone."

Applications for the EnviroLab Summer Experience are now open. The closing date is Friday 27th March 2026 at 23:59.

Further information on eligibility, application processes, and course dates may be found at https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/ses/envirolab/.

'EnviroLab Summer Experience: Careers for the Future' takes place this July at the Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment (SCENE) – pictured.

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About RES

RES is the world's largest independent renewable energy company, working across 24 countries and active in wind, solar, energy storage, green hydrogen, transmission, and distribution. An industry innovator for over 40 years, RES has delivered more than 29GW of renewable energy projects across the globe and plans to bring more than 26GW of new capacity online in the next five years.

As a service provider, RES has the skills and experience in asset management, operations and maintenance (O&M), and spare parts – supporting 45GW of renewable assets. RES brings to the market a range of purposeful, practical technology-based products and digital solutions designed to maximise investment and deployment of renewable energy.

RES is the power behind a clean energy future where everyone has access to affordable zero carbon energy bringing together global experience, passion, and the innovation of its 4,500 people to transform the way energy is generated, stored and supplied. Visit: **www.res-group.com**

From its Glasgow office RES has been developing, constructing and operating wind farms in Scotland since 1993. To date, RES has developed and/or built 23 wind farms with a total generation capacity of 720MW and currently operates 24 wind farms with over 650MW of generating capacity across Scotland.

RES is currently developing three wind farms in Dumfries and Galloway – **Bloch Wind Farm**, near Langholm; **Blair Hill Wind Farm**, near Newton Stewart and **Kinnelhead Wind Farm**, near Moffat.

About University of Glasgow, School of Social & Environmental Sustainability

The School of Social & Environmental Sustainability is based in 85 acres of historic parkland at the Crichton University Campus in Dumfries. Combining idyllic surroundings with world-class teaching and outstanding practical placement opportunities, this is the perfect setting to give students an incredible experience.

The School delivers a number of undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research programmes across four key subject areas – education, environment, sustainable development and tourism. Sustainability is at the heart of what we do in learning, teaching and research; sustainability of our natural environment, sustainability of our built environment and sustainability of our society. The School typically welcomes staff and students from over 40 countries creating a diverse, close-knit community on campus and within the wider population of Dumfries & Galloway.

About the Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment (SCENE)

The Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment is a University of Glasgow field research station located on the eastern shore of Loch Lomond, within Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The Centre is set within an area of outstanding natural beauty and ecological importance, surrounded by ancient woodland, freshwater lochs, rivers, wetlands, and upland habitats.

These diverse surroundings make SCENE an exceptional environment for field-based learning and research, allowing students to study ecosystems and species in real-world conditions. The Centre plays a key role in environmental research and education in Scotland and regularly hosts university students, researchers, and school groups.

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